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21st ,,	ORIENTAL	5284		
28th ,,	CALEDONIA	7558	HIMALAYA	6898
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11th ,,	ARCADIA	6603	INDIA	7911
18th ,,	CALEDONIA	7558		
25th ,,	PERSIA	7951	BRITANNIA	6525
4th Mar.	MACEDONIA	10512		
11th ,,	ARCADIA	6603	MONGOLIA	9505
18th ,,	ARABIA	7903		
25th ,,	PENINSULAR	5294	OCEANA	6610
1st April	PERSIA	7951		
8th ,,	ARCADIA	6603	MARMORA	10509
15th ,,	EGYPT	7912		
22nd ,,	PENINSULAR	5294	CHINA	7912
29th ,,	CALEDONIA	7558		
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Municipal Commissioner's Office, Bombay, 11th January 1905.

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RESERVE FUND.................. £800,000
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Rangoon	Batavia	Tientsin
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THE CORPORATION grant DRAFTS on the above Agencies and Branches and also on the principal Commercial Cities throughout the world; buy and receive for collection BILLS OF EXCHANGE, issue TRAVELLING LETTERS OF CREDIT and undertake general Banking Business of every description.

CURRENT DEPOSIT accounts are opened and interest allowed at 2 per cent. PER ANNUM on the minimum Monthly Balance up to Rs. 100,000 but no interest is allowed when the sum does not amount to Rs. 10 half-yearly.

GOVERNMENT SECURITIES, STOCKS and SHARES bought and sold on account of clients and also received for safe custody and collection of interest and Dividends when due.

FIXED DEPOSITS are received for twelve months at FOUR PER CENT. per annum. Rates for shorter periods may be ascertained on application.

GEORGE MILLER,
Acting Agent.
Esplanade Road, Bombay.

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THE MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA, LIMITED.
AUTHORISED CAPITAL............£1,500,000
SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL..............£1,125,000
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The Bank negotiates and collects Bills and grants Drafts payable at its Head Office and Branches, and issues Letter of Credit for the use of Travellers.

The Bank receives Deposits on the following terms :—

CURRENT DEPOSIT ACCOUNTS.

Interest allowed at 2 per cent. on the daily balance if not under Rs. 1,000 and not exceeding Rs. 1,00,000. Sums over Rs. 10,00,000 will be received on terms to be ascertained on application.

FIXED DEPOSITS.

Rates for Fixed deposits for 12 months and shorter period to be ascertained on application.

The Bank undertakes the purchase and sale of Government Securities, Stocks and Shares, and receives same for safe custody, realising interest and dividends when due.

R. NICOLL,
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SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE.

THE steamer Armidale, Captain J Hamilton, will sail to-day for Calcutta in ballast.

THE steamer Burrsfield, 2614 tons, Captain J K Mackenzie will sails to-day for Calcutta in ballast.

THE steamer Wagner, 2206 tons, Capetain G Gitson sailed yesterday for Dunkirk with a general cargo.

THE B I S N Co's steamer Nuddeo, 1914 tons, Captain A S Houstoun, will sail to-day for Calcutto in ballast.

THE steamer Adato, 2145 tons, Captain J Brodie, arrived in harbour yesterday from Calcutta with a cargo of coal.

THE B I S N Co's steamer Lalpoora, 2123 tons, Captain C S Forbes, will sail to-day for Calcutta, via Coast ports with a general cargo.

THE B I S N Co's steamer Kerbela, 1468 tons, Captain J V Le Grand, arrived in harbour yesterday from the Persian Gulf via Karachi with a general cargo and the following passengers ;—Capt and Mrs Lowsley and child, Mr and Mrs James Mr Mumford Mr Muttar and Son 5 natives and 293 deck passenger.

VESSELS IN THE HARBOUR.—JAN. 12.

Vessel.	Ton.	Capt.	Destination.	Date.	Agent.
Jelunga	3361		Calcutta		M M & Co
India	2591	Forbes			M M & Co
Eden (bque)	414	Souton			The Captain
Baron Innerdale	2130	Crackul			W & A Graham & Co
Landaura	2157	Farquharson			M M & Co
Alboin	650	Halston			E Tajbhoy
Ormedale	2304	Hamilton			T Morrison & Co
Imaum	2704	Penberthy	Antwerp		K Nixon & Co
Pernicia	2118	Faulkner			A Montochoff
Kola	498	McDiarmid			M Mackinzie & Co
Pekin	3057	Cooke	Japan		P & O Co
Castello	2339	Leighton	Hull		F M & Co
Nubia	5014	Tillard	China		P & O Co
Nerbudda	1961	Nielson	Calcutta		M M & Co
Dumbarton	2249	Rettie	Antwerp		T M & Co
Lalpoora	2124	Forbes	Calcutta		M M & Co
Kasara	505	Chappel			M M & Co
Kobe	1929	Mikulich			W & A Graham & Co
Brunsfield	2615	Mackenzie			Bombay Co
Nizam	2041	Morgan	Calcutta		T M & Co
Sirdhana	2074	Robinson			M M & Co
Sutherland	2217	Wallace			W & A G & Co
James Brand	2552	Ponance			W & A G & Co
Ethelhilda	1874	Trowsdale			K Nixon & Co
Mozaffari	1237	Maloney	Red Sea ports	13-1	B & P S N
Nuddea	1914	Houstoun	Not Fixed		M M & Co
St Regulus	2 99	Borg			A A Montrehoff
Kerbella	1468	LeGrand			M M & Co
Adato	2145	Brodie			

VESSELS IN DOCKS.
PRINCE'S DOCK.

A	Tokio	2181	Jones	Hull	18-1	F Muir & Co
B	Mary Ada Short	2335	Sims	Marseilles	20-1	K N & Co
C	Neuenfels	3650	Wesiloh	Karachi	16-1	Glade & Co
D&E	Wagner	2206	Gibson	Dunkirk	12-1	M & Co
F	Clan Mackinnon	3049	Jones	Dunkirk	20-1	F Muir & Co
H	Vaselefs Georgias	2016	Cambanis	Naples	19-1	K N & Co
K	Clan Macleod	3043	Cowle	Dunkirk	21-1	F Muir & Co
L	Somali	1623	Volkertson	Z'bar	15-1	A Strandes
M	Naderi	1169		R S ports	15-1	B & P S N Co
N	Boxgrove	2151	Mahley	Antwerp	10-1	J M'tosh & Co
O	Sir W B Lewis	2267	Kelly	L'pool	14-1	W & A G & Co
P	Stanley Hall	2659	Nattall	Karachi	19-1	K Nixon & Co
Q	Akbar	1441	Balduino	Mauritius	14-1	H C Joosub

P. DOCK H. WALL.

Mohamadi	547	Hoosein	M'lore	13-1	Shpd & Co
Ponavi	552	Ahmed	Bhavnagar	14-1	Shpd & Co
Puri	643	Ahmed	Manglore	13-1	Shpd & Co
Courland	760	Ebrahim	C Ports	12-1	Shpd & Co

P. DOCK M. DRY DOCK.

Sicilia	4174	Weston	Southampton	17 1	Transport

VICTORIA DOCK.

Shed.	Vessel.	Ton.	Capt.	Destinations.	Date.	Agent.
1	Scindia	3253	Abrey	Liverpool	26-1	W & A G & Co
2	Asia	2333	Mathew	L'pool	17-1	W & A G & Co
3	R Rubattino	3041	Dodero	Genoa	14-1	Gerceco
4	Capri	2783	Belsito	China	17-1	F Creco
6	Oriental	3085	Spicer	London	21-1	P & O Co
7	Uganda	3193	Cunningham			M M & Co
8	Roker	2262	Wilson	L'pool	28-1	K Nixon & Co
9	Kt of the Thistle	1283	Baker	Genoa	28-1	K N & Co
10&11	Maroa	1451	Kelway	Antwerp	31-1	K Nixon & Co
12	Nadir	2941	McLennan	Calcutta	16-1	T M & Co
12	Arcadia	3011	Cutbush			P & O S N Co
15	Clan Leslie	2499	Oliver	Genoa		F Muir & Co
16	Penlee	2451	Christophens	Hamburg	18-1	K Nixon

V. DOCK H. WALL.

Kapurthala	720	Watson	Karachi	13-1	M M & Co

ARRIVALS.

Jan.	Vessel.	Commander.	Destination.
12	Shirley s	Pritchett	Rangoon
	Uriana s	Butler	Rangoon
	Adato s	Brodie	Calcutta, Dec 31
	Kerbela s	Grand	Bushire, Dec 28

DEPARTURE.

Jan.	Vessel.	Commander.	From.
12	Wagner s	Gibson	Dunkirk

The following vessels obtained their portclearances yesterday :—

Steamer Burrsfield, Mackenzie for Calcutta
" Nuddea, Houstoun, for Calcutta
" Ormidale, Hamilton for Calcutta
" Lalpoora, Forbes for Calcutta, &c

The steamer Kerbella began to load yesterday for Persian Gulf via Karachi.

MADRAS.
ARRIVALS.

Jan.	Vessel.	From
6	Clan Macintosh	Galle
7	Clan Chattan	Liverpool
10	Matiana	London
10	Muttra	Calcutta
10	Gairloch	London
10	Bharata	Rangoon

(REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.)
STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

The Clan Line steamer Clan Campbell, arrived at Suez on the afternoon of the 11th instant.

The Clan Line steamer Macintyre, arrived at London on the morning of the 11th instant.

The German East Africa Line steamer Sultan, arrived at Zanzibar from Bombay this morning, via Lamu and Mombassa.

ADEN, JAN. 12.

The P and O Co's steamer Arabia with the homeward Mails of the 7th inst arrived here at 1 a m to-day (Thursday)

SUEZ, JAN. 12.

The P and O Co's steamer Egypt with the outward Mails of the 6th inst left here at 6 a m to-day (Thursday).

The Austrian Lloyd's steamer India, from Trieste left Aden on the evening of the 11th instant and may be expected here on the 18th instant afternoon.

DAILY EXPORTS.—JANUARY 12.

FOR LIVERPOOL.

Sir W T Lewis s—65 bales wool Doongersee Nagjee; 5160 cwts myrabollams Waghjee Bechur,
Asia s—140 bales wool W and A Graham and Co; 100 bales cotton Ralli Brothers; 40 bales wool Damdur Khimjee.
Scindia s—20000 cwts wheat Sandey and Co; 18000 cwts wheat and 600 cwts mowraseed Ralli Brothers,

FOR GLASGOW.

Scindia s—1007 cwts myrabollams Waghjee Becher; 10002 cwts cottonseed Tata and Co,

FOR GHENT.

Castello s—110 bales cotton G Tejpal and Co

FOR LONDON.

Oriental s—2000 cwts wheat Ralli Brothers; 9 bales hides P E Boyce and Sons

FOR ROTTERDAM.

Castello s—25 bales cotton waste Khetsidas Kurumkhrai and Co

FOR HULL.

Castello s—130 cwts gum Hirjee Virdhur; 100 cwts gum Padumsee Jethabhoy 3000 cwts cottonseed Tata and Co; 6000 cwts casterseed Nansee Khairaz and Co; 999 cwts castorseed J A Begbie and Co
Tokio s—7090 cwts cottonseed Tata and Co

FOR ANTWERP.

Imaum s—176 1-2 cwts beeswax A Blaschek and Co
Clan Mackinnon s—50 bales hemp The Bombay General Trading Co
Clan Macleod s—5002 cwts gingellyseed John Fleuiri 365 bales cotton Gaddum and Co; 120 bales hemp Kiddle Reeve and Co

FOR MARSEILLES

Scindia s—11000 cwts wheat M C Michailidi and Co; 2001 cwts castorseed Societa C Italiana 3000 cwt poppyseed 3660 cwt castorseed 6638 cwt teelseed Ralli Bros
Asia s—10 cwts ajwanseed Kemp and Co; 5 tons Copras 4 cwt bees wax Kemp and Co

FOR GENOA.

R Rubattino s—300 bales cotton Ralli Brothers; 1 bale cotton Volkart Brothers.
Kt of the Thistle s—100 bales cotton A Blascheck and Co

FOR NAPLES.

R Rubattino s—100 bales cotton Ralli Brothers

FOR BARCELONA.

Asia s—50 bales cotton G Tejpal and Co

FOR HONGKONG.

Capri s—102 bales cotton Ralli Brothers
Pekin s—1000 bales twist Ebrahim Noordin and Co; 1900 bales twist E D Sassoon and Co

FOR SHANGHAI.

Capri s—50 bales twist J David

FOR KOBE.

Pekin s—500 bales cotton M M Essabhoy 200 cwts bonemeal Latham Abercrombie and Co

MR. JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER, who has just given £500,000 to the Chicago University, was orginally a junior partner in a Cleveland commission house, and in those days he had his doubts whether there was money in oil. Mr. Breed, a miller of Titusville, Pennsylvania, with whom he had some business dealings, persuaded him to go and judge for himself on the spot. He agreed, and going, met with an unpleasant adventure, falling off a plank bridge into a gully filled with a greasy mass of oil refuse from the wells at Petroleum Centre. His companion scraped the oil off with barrel staves, and he continued his inspection, though he had to purchase a new suit of clothes before he could return home. "It was only a day or two after that," says his companion, telling the story "that I got an order for a car-load of oil from Mr. Rockefeller, and he always maintained that I was responsible for making him an oil refiner."

COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE

LONDON, JAN. 11.

SECURITIES—		
2 1-2 per cent. Consols	£88 9-16	= + 1-8
3 do. Rentes	£98	= unchanged
3 1-2 do. Indian Sterling Loan	£106	= do
3 1-2 per cent. Indian Enfaced Rupee Paper	£65 5-8	= — 1-16
SILVER—		
Spot in London	27 5-8	= — 3-16
3 months hence	27 5-16	= — 1-8
Spot in New York		=
EXCHANGES—		
Paris cheques	25·14	= — 1-2
Berlin	20·13 1-4	= + 1
New York Demand		
DISCOUNTS—		
Bank of England	3 per cent	= unchanged
3 months' sight Bank Bills	2 1-2 per cent	= — 1-8
" " " "	2 5-8 per cent	= — 1-8
" " " Fine Trade Bills	2 7-8 per cent	= unchanged
6 months' sight Fine Trade Bills	3 1-8 per cent	= do
INTEREST—		
Day to day loans	1 7-8 per cent	= — 1-8
7 day market loans	2 1-8 per cent	= unchanged

Extra Council Bills allotments Bills on Bombay Rs. 500,000 at 1s. 4-32d.

Extra Council Bills allotments Bills on Calcutta Rs. 800,000 at 1s. 4-32d.

Extra Council Bills allotments Bills on Madras 100,000 at 1s 4-32d.

In Liverpool.—Cotton Market closed quiet. East Indian quiet. Manchester quiet. Total sales 12,000. Spot 3·77—8. Egyptian F. G. F. Brown 6 13-16. Sold on speculation and for Export 4,500. Imports 21,000. Futures closed quiet but steady.

Jan.-Feb.	Feb.-Mar.	Mar.-April
3·65 —8	3·68 —8	3·71 —8
April-May	May-June	June-July
3·75 —7	3·79 —6	3·80 —8
July-Aug.	Aug.-Sept.	Sep.-Oct.
3·83 —7	3·85 —7	3·88 —8

Receipts at U S Ports	28,000
Do. last year	25,000
Exports to Great Britain	23,000
Do. do Continent	2,000
IN NEW YORK—	
Spot	7·15
Futures, month of March	6·91+12
Do. do. July	7·12+14
IN NEW ORLEANS—	
Spot	6 7-8
Futures, month of April	6·83+13
Do. do. July	6·98+12
Tone at close	Steady.

Quotations for East Indians are reduced 1-16d all round in Liverpool.

RAPESEED—
Brown 31 7-8 J.-F. sellers quiet but steady

LINSEED—
Linseed Bold 32 1-2 J.-F. done firm

COFFEE—
Coffee in New York, 8 7-8

At the Periodical biddings for Council Bills for Rs. 80,00,000

Rs.	44·10	were allotted to	Calcutta
Rs.	8·60	do	Bombay
Rs.	4·50	do	Madras
	57·20	At 1s. 4 1-16d.	

Minimum rate received 15 per cent. Average rate 16·06

Telegraphic Transfers—

Rs.	10·10	were allotted to	Calcutta.
Rs.	12·70	do	Bombay
Rs.	nil	do	Madras
	22·80	At 1s. 4 3-32d	

Minimum rate received 15 per cent. Average rate 16·09
Total amount sold during the week Rs. 80,00,000
Amount to be allotted next week Rs. 90,00,000
Extra allotments—Nil.

Arrivals of Cotton, Wheat and Seeds into Bombay, for the 24 hours ending at 6 p. m., on Wednesday, 11th January, 1905 :—

Cotton	5,697 bales.
Wheat	17,618 cwts.
Linseed	1,338 "
Rape, Ral and Mustard	1,904 "
Gingellyseed	7,311 "
Poppyseed	891 "
Groundnuts	697 "
Castorseed	311 "
Rice	30,406 "
Myrabollams	3,871 "
Cottonseed	8,688 "
Mowraseed	577 "
Gram	2,688 "
Joowar	4,033 "
Maize	627 "

TALLOW.

Finest Australian Beef	27/0
Finest Australian Mutton	30/0
Tone of Auction, easier.	

Wheat Afloat for U K 21,90,000

BOMBAY, JAN. 12.

EXCHANGE—Tone quieter.

Bank T. T.				1s. 4 1-16d
Bank Demand				1s 4 3-32d. to 16
Credit Bills 3 Months' Sight		D. A.		1s. 4 9-32d.
Do	6	do	do	1s. 4 13-32d.
French Francs	3	do	do	170 3-4
Marks	3	do	do	138 3-4
Hongkong	30	Days' Sight		136 1-2
Shanghai	30	do	do	193 1-2
Japan	30	do	do Jan.-Feb.	148

GOVERNMENT PAPER—3 1-2 per cent. Tone quiet.

Cash	97·12
1st Settlement 1st February...	97·11

Money Market,—Tone easy.

BANK RATE.—

Bank of England since	21st April	3	per cent.
Bank of Bombay do	20th October	5	do
Bank of Bengal do	10th November	6	do
Bank of Madras do	6th July	4	do

Bank of Madras cash balance 17 3-4 lakhs up.

SEEDS—

	Rs.	a.	p.
Linseed.—Tone steady.			
Ready	5	6	
Rapeseed.—Tone quiet.			
Brown Cawnpore, Ready.	5	1	2
Yellow Cawnpore, Ready	5	10	0
Yellow Guzerat, Ready	5	11	0
Poppyseed.—Tone steady.			
Ready	5	8	6
Castorseed—Tone firm.			
Ready	26 1-2		

GINGELLYSEED.—Tone firm.

Howree Khandeish	Rs. 37 3-4 to 38
15 per cent Mixed	Rs. 37
25 per cent "	Rs. 36
50 per cent "	Rs. 34 1-2 to 34 1-4
Black Kutnee	Rs. 33

LIVERPOOL OPENING TELEGRAM.

Tone—		steady.
Estimated sales	bales	8,000
Imports	do.	21,000

Jan.-Feb	Feb.-Mch.	
3·71 +6	3·74 +5	
Mch-Apl.	Apl.-May.	
3·77 +6	3·81 +6	
May-June	June-July	July-Aug.
3·84 +5	3·86 +6	3·89 +6
Aug.-Sept.		Sept.-Oct.
3·91 +6		3·92 +6

COTTON.—The market opened steady this morning, but closes again with an easier tendency. Business at Colaba was limited.

Official quotations of the Bombay Cotton Trade Association, Limited :—

Bengal (H.-G.) (Ry. terms)	169 159 ...	25 Jan.
Bengal (M.G.) (Ry. terms)	171 161 ...	12 do.
Oomrawatee (descriptions) M-G.	176 170 ...	25 do.
Oomravatee description (M.-G.)	177 171 ...	12 do.
Khandeish (M.-G.)	... 170 164	25 do.
Do. do.	... 171 165	12 do.
Khangaum fair staple (M-G) Karanja do. do. do.	179 173 ...	25 Jan,
Akola do. do. do.	180 174 ..	12 do.
Dhamangaum Poolgaum (M-G)	180 174 ...	25 do.
Do. do.	181 175 ...	12 do.
Broach (M.-G.)	203	25 Mar.
Do. (M.-G.)	 197	15/25 do.
Bhownugger do.	187 177 170	1/25 May
Do (H.-G.)	184 174 167	do.
Muttia (M.-G.)	180 173 ...	Feb-Mar 25
Dharwar (S G)	 186	Apl.-May 25
Western	 177	do.
Bengal (M.-G.)	173 163 ...	25 Jan.
Sind-Punjab	174 164 ...	12 do.
Jalgaon (M. G.)	... 172 166	25 do.
Do do.	... 173 167	12 do.
Nagpore and Kampti (M.-G.)	182 176 ...	25 do.
Do. do.	183 177 ...	12 do.
Dhollera do.	189 179 172	1/25 May
Do. (H.-G.)	186 176 169	do.

COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL NEWS.

LONDON, JAN. 10.

The Liverpool Cotton Market closed	quiet
Surats	quiet
Good Bhownugger	....
The Manchester Market has been	quiet
2 1-2 per cent Consols	88 9 16
3 per cent Rentes	98
3 1-2 per cent Sterling Loan	106
3 1-2 per cent Rupee Papers	65 5-8
Bar Silver	27 5-8

A WARNING to householders is conveyed by an incident at North London police-court. The magistrate there sentenced to a month's hard labour a carman who when sent out with a load of coke to a customer sold four sacks on the road and was detected while delivering the remainder to the customer. Mr. Fordham said he hoped the sentence would be a warning to others, as he was afraid it was a very common thing for carmen delivering coals and coke to sell sacks on the road and then throw all the empty sacks together and ask the customer to come and count them.

DOMESTIC OCCURRENCES.

THE Charge for Announcements of BIRTHS, MARRIAGES DEATHS and MEMORIAM Notices (which must be authenticated by the name and address of the sender) is Rs. 2 for six lines or less, and 8 as, for every additional lines CASH strictly in ADVANCE.

OTHER PRESIDENCIES.

BIRTHS.

CHRISTOPHERS—December 30, at King Institute of Preventive Medicine, Guindy, the wife of Lieut S R Christophers, I M S, of a son.

NOWROJEE—December, 31, at Mangalore, the wife of Maneckjee Nowrojee, of a daughter

PAGE—January 7, at Ferry Road, Negapatam, the wife of F J Page, of a son,

MARRIAGE.

FELL—McLEOD—December 31, at Maymyo, by the Rev J Low, M A, Godfrey Fell, I C S, to Janet, only daughter of Lieut General D J S McLeod.

DEATHS.

BHUGWAT DIAL—December 28, at Meerut, Mr Bhugwat Dial, Honorary Magistrate, of pneumonia, aged 47 years and 4 months.

GREENFIELD—January 4, at his residence 7, Cawnpore Road, Allahabad, William Greenfield, of Leatherhead, Surrey, the dearly loved husband of Rebekah Greenfield, aged 59 years and 4 months.

SIMPSON—January 5, at Thornlie Bank, Bangalore, Susannah Sarah Simpson, aged 61.

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KEMP'S
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RED CLOVER BLOOD MIXTURE,
A Compound Elixir of Trifolium with Iodide of Potassium.

An excellent preparation for cleansing the Blood from all impurties such as Salt, Rheum, Acne, Boils, Scrofula, Hives, Ulcers, Pimples, Erysipelas, Syphilis, Rheumatism, Itch, Climatic Eruptions, and other diseases in which the System requires cleansing.

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TO-DAY.

Sun rises, 6h. 31m. Sun sets, 5h. 42m. High water, 3-16m., 4-2a. Low water, 9-55m., 9-39a.
Warren's Circus, 9 p. m.
Bombay Industrial Exhibition, 3 to 11 p. m.

THE WILSON PHILOLOGICAL LECTURES.—The dates of the remaining five lectures of this series have been altered to January 24th and 25th and February 1st 3rd and 7th.

M. N. PETIT'S CHARITABLE DISPENSARY.—The total number of patients, treated during last month was 4,940, the daily average being 159. The total of new patients was 638.

J. N. WADIA DISPENSARY.—The number of patients treated at the J. N. Wadia Mahim Charitable Dispensary, during December, was 1,082. The prevailing diseases were malarial fevers, chest affection, stomach complaints and skin diseases.

BOMBAY SANITARY ASSOCIATION.—A lecture will be given at the Health Section of the Industrial and Agricultural Exhibition, Bombay, in Gujarati at 6-15 p. m. to-day on "Malaria." It will be illustrated by the Magic Lantern.

VISIT TO THE HIGH COURT.—The two sons of the Nawab of Pahlanpore visited the Bombay High Court yesterday and sat for some time in the first and second division Courts on the Appellate Side. They also inspected the dufter-room and the Court offices.

THEFT AT SEWREE.—Vithoo Sonwar, a fisherman, residing in a quarantine camp near Sewree Magazine, has reported to the police that during Tuesday night some one broke into his hut and carried away a box containing ornaments and cash, of the collective value of Rs. 408.

MUNICIPAL CORPORATION.—We learn that Mr. Khurshedjee Nasarwanjee Wadya is a a candidate for the vacancy in the Bombay Municipal Corporation caused by the death of Mr. Hormusjee Shapurjee Chothia. Mr. Wadya was a member of the Corporation for about twelve years.

THE VICTORIA MEMORIAL SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND.—The honorary Secretary acknowledges, with thanks the receipt of the sum of Rs. 230 donated by Mr. N. A. F. Moos for the benefit of the above named School being the result of a "Sweep" got up by Mr. F. Southwell Piper, Senior Dock Master, Bombay, on the Port Trust Harbour Inspector on the 10th instant.

HINDU LADIES' SOCIAL CLUB—The 11th annual general gathering of the Hindu Ladies' Social Club will be held on Monday, under the Presidency of Lady Jehangheer in the house of the late Mr. Pandurang Raghoba Pitail, Cawasjee Patel Tank Road, at 5 p.m., when the ex-President Mrs. Ramabai Ranade will also be present. Lady Jehangheer will give her views on "Female Education."

BHOWNAGAR NOTES.—The cold this side has now abated, writes our Bhownagar correspondent. The Maharaja of Rutlam arrived in Dhrangodhra on Tuesday, with his retinue as the guest of the Rajsaheb. The Rajsaheb of Dhrangodhra and the Maharaja of Rutlam are cousins. The reception was very cordial.—The earth work of the Viramgaum Malia line which was to have been taken in hand by the B. B. & C. I. Railway this month has been postponed.—Mr. Ardesir, an electrician of Jamnagar, has undertaken to fit one train of the B. G. J. P. Railway with electric lights.

THE GOCULDAS TEJPAL GIRLS' SCHOOL.—H. H. the Jam Saheb of Jamnagar, H. H. the Thakore Saheb of Wadhwan, the Thakore Saheb of Sayala, and the Kumar Saheb of Sayala, in company with Mr. Goverdhandas G. Tejpal visited the G. T. Girls' School on Wednesday. Their Highnesses were received by the officers of the G. T. Charities. An interesting programme of music, "garbio" action songs and dialogues was gone through by the girls, and was highly appreciated by the distinguished visitors. The neatness, delicacy, and artistic taste shown in embroidery and needle-work, which were next inspected, created a very good impression. Miss Ratanbai Goverdhandas G. Tejpal, who is among the scholars at the School, garlanded their Highnesses at the conclusion of the visit and presented them with fine bouquets of flowers. The girls will get a holiday and sweets in honour of the visit.

A MUHOMEDAN'S USE OF THE KNIFE.—Yesterday at the Esplanade Police Court Mr. J. Sanders-Slater, Chief Presidency, Magistrate, disposed of a case in which Inspector Sullivan charged Wazier Ahmed alias Wazier Mahomed with assault and thereby voluntarily causing grievous hurt to one Mahomed Jaffer. Mr. Ollivera, pleader, defended the accused. It appeared that on the night of the 31st ultimo accused struck the complainant on the nose with a sharp knife and then absconded. The assault was the outcome of a row complainant had with the accused, at the Mahim Fair. The evidence of Dr. Hewett George, officiating House-Surgeon at the J. J. Hospital showed that the complainant was taken to the hospital late at night, and was examined at 1 a. m., on New Year's Day. The wound was an inch long an inch and a half wide and one inch deep, running into the nasel cavity near the left nostril, and narrowly missed being fatal. The accused was convicted and was sentenced to six months' rigorous imprisonment.

MUSIC AT THE EXHIBITION.—The following programme will be played by the band of the 104th Wellesley's Rifles at the Exhibition to-day :—

1st Programme, From 5-30 to 7 p.m.

March	Il Capitan	Sousa
Overture	Banditen Streiche	Suppe
Selection	A Country Girl	Monckton
Valse	Loves Dreamland	Roeder
Selection	H M S Pinafore	Sullivan
Polka (Cornet Solo)	Irim	Farrell

2nd Programme, From 9 to 11 p.m.

March	Illery	Franklin
Overture	Ariadne	Kling
Valse	Ahatenfel	Waltenfel
Selection	The Artist Model	Jones
Danse	De Abrogines	Thiere
Cake Walk	The Brooklyn	Thurban

A SINGULAR CASE.—Before Mr. P. H. Dastur, at the Mazagon Police Court, yesterday, Shridhar Vinayak, a compounder in the employ of Dr. Seerval, was charged with stealing three pots of the value of Rs. 2, the property of one Luximon Janoo. Mr. Rustom D. N. Wadia, barrister-at-law, defended the accused. The case for the prosecution was that at 3 o'clock yesterday morning, policeman, No. 110SD doing duty in Benham Hall Lane, Girgaum, saw the accused running away with the pots in his hands and challenged him. The accused threw down two of the pots and ran away with one which was tied up in a handkerchief. The sepoy chased the accused and arrested him. The owner of the pots in cross-examination said when the police woke him up, the pots were lying on the ground, and the sepoy informed him that they were stolen by the accused. He was then taken to the chowkey, where he saw the accused. Mr. Wadia, for the defence denied the charge, stating that the accused went out early in the morning in search of his brother, who was a new arrival in Bombay. The policeman challenged him and called him a thief, when the accused remonstrated. The sepoy thereupon laid a false charge against him. The accused was a respectable man and was in charge of Dr. Seervai's three dispensaries, which contained medicines of the value of thousands of rupees. He was always found honest. The Magistrate in disposing of the case observed that he had grave doubts about the truth of the complaint. The sepoy said that he met the accused in the street carrying three pots in his hands, two being loose and one tied up in a handkerchief. Why should not the accused, who took all the pots from the same place, have tied them all together in the handkerchief to facilitate their being taken away? Further the complainant stated that the policeman woke him up, while the sepoy stated that he sent a havaldar to find out the complainant. The pots were not taken to the chowkey with the accused, nor was the accused immediately after the arrest taken to the complainant with the pots for indentification as was usually the case. These were, his Worship said, very suspicious circumstances and lent confirmation to the complaint made by the accused that this was a false charge against him. The accused had been for five years very honest with regard to his master's money, and his Worship did not think that he had any occasion to turn suddenly dishonest for the sake of three pots worth Rs. 2. The accused was ordered to be acquitted.

WEDDING IN BOMBAY.

A PRETTY wedding took place at the Cathedral on the 31st December, between Mr. Marsh Hesketh of the Educational Service, and Miss Kathleen Christie, second daughter of the late Mr. Marshall Christie of the Bedford. The service was conducted by the Reverend H. Foote, and was fully choral. A large gathering of friends had assembled to witness the ceremony; and punctually at 11 a. m., the bride walked up the aisle on the arm of Major A. Street, I. M. S. She wore an exquisite dress of ivory satin, trimmed with billowy flounces of accordion pleated chiffon, richly festooned with orange blossoms. A beautiful berthe of Honiton lace enhanced the general effect, and the finishing touch was given by a magnificent pearl pendant, the gift of the bridegroom. She was attended by two quaintly pretty little bridesmaids, Miss Nola and Miss Frida Leslie-Rogers, who looked as if they had stepped out of some old picture, with their fichus and mittens, and soft white silk dresses, which just touched their dainty little shoes. Each carried a charming ivory mounted fan presented by the bridegroom; and their heads were crowned with wreaths of blue forget-me-nots. The "tout ensemble" of the wedding party as it moved up the aisle was strikingly effective. The bridegroom, who looked extremely happy and self-possessed, was supported by his best man, Mr. T. H. Vines of Karachi, who manfully fulfilled his part. The service was most impressive and the music beautifully rendered. To the strains of Mendelssohn's Wedding March, the happy couple adjourned to the vestry, where the bride signed her maiden name for the last time. At the conclusion of the ceremony, Mr. and Mrs. Hesketh drove off to Malabar Hill, where the reception was held at the charming residence of Major and Mrs. Street. Here a considorable gathering assembled to offer their felicitations, and among the guests were: the Hon'ble Mr. Edgerley, Mr. and Mrs. Sladen, Captain and Mrs Saville, Major and Mrs. Chapman, the Hon'ble Mr. Justice Batchelor, Miss Curtis, Major and Mrs. Childe, Major and Mrs. Broome, Mr. and Miss Rumboll, the Hon'ble Mr. Justice Batty, Mr. and Mrs. Leslie-Rogers, Captain and Mrs. Novis Mr. and Mrs. Milne, Mr. and Mrs. Kemp, Mr. and Mrs. C. Stevens, Mrs. McMillan, Mr. Miekle, Mr. Vines, Mrs. Younghusband Watson, Mr. and Mrs. Deans, Mr. and Mrs. Machichan, Mr. Babington, Mr. Austin, Captain Talbot, Mr. R. D. Prior, Mr. and Mrs. Savage, Captain Gorig A. D. C., Mr. and Mrs. Bowen, Captain and Mrs. Coter, Mr. and Mrs. Justice Aston, Captain and Mrs. Tyndal, Mr. and Mrs. Carnegy, Revd. Canon Hill, Mr. and Mrs. Burke, Dr. and Mrs. MacMillan, Mr. and Mrs. Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Burns, Mr. and Mrs. Tait, Mr. and Mrs. McCausland, Mrs. Haig-Brown, Major and Mrs. Gordon, Mr. and Mrs. Selby, [illegible] Covernton, Miss D. des Voeux, Miss [illegible] F. Shapter, Revd. F. Marten, [illegible] Maurig, and Mrs. Doherty Begbie. [illegible] of the bride and bridegroom was [illegible] a few well chosen words by the Hon'ble Mr. Edgerley, and heartily responded to by all. The presents were numerous and handsome and testified to the great popularity of the newly married couple. After a pleasant [illegible] among friends, Mr. and Mrs. Hesketh, amid showers of rice and confetti, drove away to the station en route to Khandala, where the honeymoon is to be spent. Their future home will be in Karachi, where Mr. Hesketh has been well known for many years.

THE CITY MORTALITY.

THE Municipal Office returns for the twenty-four hours ending at 6 a. m., yesterday, give the following results :—

Wards.	Plague Attack.	Deaths	Deaths from all Causes
A Upper, Middle and Lower Colaba, Fort Northern, Fort Southern and Esplanade	3	2	8
B Mandvi, Chukla, Oomerkhadi and Dongri	5	7	24
C Market, Dhobi Talao, Fanaswady, Bhuleshwar, Khara Talao, and Kumbharwada	11	8	21
D Khetwadi Girgaum, Chowpati, Walkeshwar, and Mahaluxmi	1	2	15
E Mazagon, Tarwady, 2nd Nagapada, Kamatipura, Tardeo, Byculla and 1st Nagapada	4	4	27
F Parel, Sewree and Sion	1	1	6
G Mahim and Worli	0	0	8
Water Division	1	0	0*
Non-Resident and Unknown	0	0	0
Hospitals	0	1	4
Total	25	25	113
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Same date last year	40	35	105

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INDIAN TOBACCO INDUSTRY.

WHEN a man, whose only weapons are a bow and arrow, has to fight a duel with a soldier equipped with modern arms of precision, it is little comfort or encouragement to him to be told that, in the conflict, his hands will not be tied behind his back. Mr. T. Durant Beighton thus ruminates in discussing the possibilities of the Indian Tobacco Industry, in the "Asiatic Quarterly Review." He maintains that, although the industry has made progress, it might make more, were it not that in its competition with the tobacco industries of other countries, it receives no preferential encourgement—with the result that the foreign product hampers its development. While in England, Indian trade is handicapped by having to pay relatively a heavier duty than any other kind of tobacco, in India a struggling native industry is over-weighted and restricted by having to compete with foreign manufactured tobaccos, which have to pay so small a duty as to be almost inappreciable. Mr Beighton does not overstate the case when he remarks that the accumulated wisdom of centuries has in nearly all countries detected in tobacco an object specially fitted for moderate and sometimes heavy taxation for revenue purposes, yet the Indian exchequer foregoes a considerable sum which might well allow of the reduction of taxation in other directions, and the Indian tobacco trade—the Cinderalla of commerce—is flouted by her wealthier sisters. Unfortunately Mr. Beighton has but a poor opinion of Indian tobacco as it is at present produced, or he would let it fight its own battle on its own merits. Instead, he advocates a method of relief by an alteration which he recommands as being alike simple, effectual, not subversive of great commercial interests and which would be regarded as equitable even by its rivals. He would have the excise authorities grant a drawback of a quarter of the duty levied on Indian cigars to compensate the importer for the extra weight from which he obtains no other compensating advantage. This rebate, while it would be equitable from every point of view, would give an effective stimulus to the Indian cigar trade, and for many years to come would involve so small a loss to the Treasury that the Chancellor of the Exchequer could regard it as a "quantité negligeable."

The Indian tobacco industry, Mr. Beighton shows to have commenced in 1864 with fifty bales which realised £330. Ten years later, 13,000 bales fetched £237,000. From that period the amount has steadily increased and the last available figures (1903) give 254,168 bales at £3,118,000. Still, even this is slow progress as compared with that of our neighbour Sumatra. More might have been done with capital and extended European supervision. Our tobacoo is said not to be scientifically grown and treated, but however that may be, the Indian cheroot is the best, purest and least offensive smoke to the man who has learnt to smoke and who continues the practice throughout the live-long day. Mr. O'Conor, in 1873 said : "The truth is that Indian tobacco is so badly prepared that English dealers will not look at it. There are many parts of India where tobacco can be, and is produced, at least equal, naturally, to other Asiatic tobaccos, but no attention has been given to the improvement of its quality by careful cultivation and preparation ; and as long as there is no demand for Indian tobacco in the European market, so long may we expect to find India produce nothing superior to the coarse rank, ill-floavoured tobacco for which it has already acquired an unfortunate reputation." Except with regard to the production of Trichinopoly cigars, writes Mr. Beighton, these remarks are as true to-day as when they were written thirty years ago. The improvement in the cigars of Southern India commenced when the Sumatra leaf was first utilized for the covering of Indian cigars. The Sumatra cover, he adds, is almost tasteless and this modifies and corrects the stronger Indian growth which forms the filler of the cigar. We are glad to find him add, however, the fact that the Java or Sumatra is not indispensable, and many Indian cigars are still manufactured under the old system with a native wrapper. The man who smokes and does not merely consume tobacco rejoices that such is the case, for to the experienced, seasoned smoker, the Indian cigar, pure and simple, is the only really reliable cheroot, and although the Sumatra leaf in some kinds of cigars does, to some extent, counteract what Mr. O'Conor describes as the coarseness and rankness, in the opinion of other consumers it destroys the cheroot altogther. A well-made solid "Trichi" would command a good sale in England or anywhere else, but Mr. Beighton has found that much injury has been caused to the Indian cigar-trade in England by the sale in London of cigars manufactured in India by native merchants in which, by the neglect of the most ordinary precautions, fermentation has taken place after the cigars have been rolled "Unfortunately," adds Mr. Beighton, "the brands of Indian cigars are so little understood by the English public that mouldy cigars of this kind are often bought by mistake for the genuine article and the victim of the imposition naturally makes no further experiment in Indian tobacco.

That India is in a favourable position to compete with other countries in the matter of tobacco-growing is indisputable. There are, it is estimated, at least five million acres of suitable land—some of it probably suitable for growing tobacco of the superior varieties. This point should be investigated without delay, for, as Mr. Beighton remarks, there is indisputable authority for saying that the famous tobacco plantations of the world which produce brands of cigars that have once been the delight of the epicure are deteriorating year by year. The industry requires fostering, for if we may accept Mr. Beighton's statement at its full value, the native growers of India, when left to themselves, are fully a hundred years behind the practice of modern tobacco culture in other countries. They neglect the most important principles in growing and the deficiencies in the drying and curing processes are said to be even more marked and equally fatal to the possibilities of turning out a marketable article. We do not know if this assertion will be challenged by growers who have started along the line of advancement. If not, surely some cultivator will deny that the ancient practice of drying the leaves in the air has been discontinued. Mr. Beighton says it has not, and tells us that the leaf is exposed to the vicisistudes of the climate, instead of the drying process being carried out in carefully prepared sheds at a uniform temperature, that the fermentation and curing processes involve no precautions against over-heating and that the proper assortment of the leaf into bundles by colour and texture is quite ignored. Indian tobacco growers are offered much food for digestion in the paper to which we call attention, and we anticipate they will take Mr. Beighton's suggestion in good part. Doubtless they will fully endorse his observation that the one essential condition for the successful production of marketable Indian tobacco is an adequate supply of capital in European hands and worked under European supervision. This, it is felt, will be forthcoming, if there is a reasonable prospect of ultimate profit to attract private enterprise.

FRANCE AND MOROCCO.

THE Anglo-French Agreement notwithstanding, France is not finding the pursuit of her policy of "pacific penetration" in Morocco devoid of causes for anxiety. The departure of M. Taillandier on his Mission to Fez via Laraiche means more than is apparent from Reuter's statement that the Sultan was unable to guarantee the safety of the Mission by the direct route from Tangier to the capital. The Sultan's subjects are more hostile to the French than to any other foreigners, and opposition to M. Taillandier's Mission has been made clearly apparent. As an excuse for requiring the French representative to travel via Laraiche the Moorish Government declared that a plot was on foot for the capture of the Mission on its journey overland from Tangiers. The escort was, therefore, sent to Laraiche to meet M. Taillandier on his arrival there from Tangier by sea. The activities of Rais Uli and the recent success of the Pretender's troops, besides the undoubted discontent which has impelled the Sultan to issue an order dismissing all his European Officials, gave sufficient colour to the plea that the Makhzen could not answer for the safety of the French Minister unless he followed the route prescribed by the Government. But in France the incident has been recognised as unfavourable to the success of French policy. There is a suspicion that the present state of affairs in Morocco is a direct result of an intrigue to bring about the intervention of other Powers, and it is understood that the Sultan has despatched an emissary on a Mission to Europe with a view to create complications. In face of the agreements between France, England, Spain and Italy, however, the efforts of Haj Mahomed el Mokri, cannot be expected to lead to anything. When M. Taillandier reaches Fez he will probably insist on guarantees for the preservation of order in the Province of Tangier, and on some indication that necessary reforms in the country shall not be unduly delayed. He may even find it necessary to warn the Sultan that the "pacific" policy of France may be suddenly changed for more vigorous action.

TRAVANCORE.

At the first meeting of the Travancore Popular Assembly, a few months since, the Dewan Mr. Madhav Rao who was appointed in March last reviewed the position of the State. He claimed that it must be ranked as among the most progressive of Native administrations and indicated projects which were being undertaken to further strengthen the basis of this claim. We have now received the administration report of the State for the period from August 1903 to August last. It is a business-like record of the activities of the various State departments from which it is seen that every effort is being made to keep them up to the requisite pitch of efficiency. The institution of the Popular Assembly is not mentioned in this report, the first meeting having taken place in October last, but mention is made of the decision to pass a Land Revenue Code and of the progress being made with a revenue survey and settlement intended give to the land revenue administration a satisfactory system. At present the tenures are many and varied, the land tax is collected partly in money and kind, and the records have not been brought up to date. At the same time a reform of the system of finance and accounts has been undertaken, Of the total land revenue demand for the year a sum of Rs. 107,213 was remitted of which Rs. 53,920 represented remissions on account of perished crops. The net demand was Rs. 2,327,342 against Rs. 2,263,761 in the previous year. Under the heading of criminal justice we find that 169 public servants were prosecuted of whom thirty were convicted. On this fact the High Court observed that "the discharge or acquittal of more than 80 per. cent. of the number charged shows that much care and discretion were not exercised in initiating criminal proceedings." It is idle to speculate as to the precise moral to be deduced from these reflections. The Public Works Department expended during the year a total sum of Rs. 26,33,081 of which Rs. 6,61,671 represented the year's expenditure on the Kodayar Irrigation project. The total outlay on this undertaking has now reached thirty and a half lakhs of rupees. This scheme provides for a dam across the Kodayar 115 feet high from the bed of the river and 1,525 feet long, providing a reservoir of seven square miles of water. A number of channels and other connected works are included in the project which will benefit 49,557 acres of land. The estimated cost of the scheme is Rs. 70,63,646. The dam will take more than a year yet to complete, but water will be available by the left bank channel system during the next irrigation season. The educational progress of the State was a subject on which the Dewan rightly enlarged when addressing the Popular Assembly, and the provision made for primary, collegiate and technical instruction is fully detailed in the report.

THE TAJ MAHAL.

ONE of the most interesting features in the annual progress report of the Archæological Survey Circle, United Provinces and Punjab, for the year ending 31st March 1904, is an account of the repairs effected to various parts of the Taj Mahal. When Lord Curzon inspected the Taj in April 1902, the repairs to the mosque were in hand, and his Excellency ordered that when they were finished, the Jawab should be taken up. This work comprised (a) the restoration of the carved sandstone borders around the central archway, the greater part of which had been at some time repaired with plain stone ; (b) the restoration of many carved floral panels of red sandstone, some of which were so perished as to be almost unrecognisable, and some of which had been replaced by plain slabs ; (c) rectifying irregular and misshaped patches in many of the carved panels ; (d) restoring pieces of the black and white marble inlay of the border of the dado ; (e) restoring marble inlay in the freize at the base of the domes ; (f) and restoring the inlay of some of the finials. This work, it is satisfactory to learn, was commenced and finished during the year at a cost of Rs 6,448. Another feature in connection with the work of the Achæological officials at the Taj is the provision that has been made for a small museum in which a collection is to be made of any objects of interest connected with the Taj that may from time to time be found. For this purpose one of the rooms in the main gateway has been set apart and has been fitted with suitable doors and provided with a handsome carved teakwood specimen case and a revolving stand for photographs. As a nucleus to the museum several interesting old plans of the Taj and Fort have been got together and a series of photographs of the Taj and its surroundings showing the many phases which the garden has gone through in the course of years. A collection has also been made of specimens of the various stones used in the construction of the Taj. The institution of this museum is also due to Lord Curzon. Among other repairs which Lord Curzon ordered in 1902 were restoring the marble inlay work of the battlements of the garden wall, restoring the water channels and grassing the platfrom of Saheli Baug No. I, and special repairs to the Saheli Baug No. 3 and all these have been carried out during the past year.

HIS EXCELLENCY the Governor has accepted the resignation of the Honourable Mr. A. D. Younghusband of his office as an Additional Member of the Council of the Governor of Bombay for the purpose of making Laws and Regulations.

HIS EXCELLENCY the Governor has been pleased to appoint the Acting Advocate General, Bombay, Mr. Ernest Barkley Raikes, to be an Additional Member of the Council of the Governor of Bombay for the purpose of making Laws and Regulations only.

A SIGN of the times is the appearance of a new monthly magazine with the title of "The Indian Economist." It contains a number of interesting articles devoted to industrial matters. Its price is Rs. 2 a year and it is published at Calcutta.

OWING to the death of Mr. Hormusji Shapurji Vakil, a representative of the (C) Bhuleshwar Ward, there is a casual vacancy on the Municipal Coporation. The Municipal Commissioner has fixed Monday, the 30th inst., for a Ward Election, to fill up the vacancy.

THE total number of deaths registered in Bombay, during the week ending January 10th was 859, giving a death-rate of 57·56 per annum per thousand as against 48·91 the corresponding period of last year, and 74·30 the average over the past five years. Of the total number 64 died from fevers ; 140, plague ; 47, small-pox ; 9, measles ; 0, cholera ; 5, leprosy ; 51, phthisis ; 48, diseases of the nervous system ; 177, affections of the respiratory organs ; 53, diarrhoea ; 26, dysentery ; 37, still-born ; 124 old age and debility ; 14, accidents and violence. The classified list of deaths shows :—Jain, 24 ; Brahmin, 26 ; Lingaet, 3 ; Bhattia, 8 ; Hindu of other caste, 442 ; Hindu low caste, 110 ; Musalman 182 ; Parsee, 22 ; Jew, 1 ; Native Christian, 34 ; Eurasian, 4 ; European, 2 ; Negro-African, 1 ; Buddhist, 0 ; other and unknown castes, 0. The total number of births was 378 as against 422 the corresponding period of last year, and 302 the average over the past five years.

TELEGRAMS to the Australian papers dated the 2nd instant state, that several ships of the Baltic Fleet have developed such serious defects as to compel Admiral Rozhdestvensky's squadron to await the arrival of supplementary ships.

RUSSIA is preparing to bring General Kuropatkin's strength to a total of 700,000 men.

RUSSIAN service journals strongly recommend the recall of the Baltic Fleet without delay.

RUSSIAN officers who have arrived in Europe announce their intention of swearing before the Paris Commission that the Russian fire sank two Japanese torpedo-boats in the North Sea affair.

THE naval department at Tokio has published an intercepted letter, written by an officer of the battleship Sevastopol, in which the writer states : "The defenders are resigned to their fate ; are sadly disappointed at the non-arrival of the Baltic Fleet, but are determined to fight to a finish and not to submit to the shame of surrender from starvation. The fortress cannot, says the writer, hold out after December. General Stoessel's so-called impregnable enciente is a myth and the capture of No. 203 Metre Hill implies that Port Arthur is doomed. After the capture of Metre Hill, a Japanese 10-inch shell penetrated the different decks of the Sevastopol and struck the bottom of the ship." He also describes the hopeless damage sustained from Japanese torpedo-boats after the Sevastopol had quitted the harbour. The writer hints, without however naming General Kuropatkin that the Russian Commander-in-Chief is responsible for the fate of Port Arthur by failing to prevent the landing of the Japanese in the Gulf of Liao-tung. He bitterly adds : "Very few of our officers dare to brave death and the majority's only desire is to save their own lives. We Sevastopolers are determined to die fighting."

STORIES OF LONDON.

THE RECORD OFFICE.

[BY ARTHUR E. COPPING.]

IN Poe's story the precious document was hidden in sight; and the searchers were so busy probing the walls, ferreting up the chimney, and peering under the floor that they did not think of looking in the letter-rack. The case of the Public Record Office is similar. It is too conspicuous to be noticed. There it is fronting on to Chancery-lane, an imposing stretch of architecture, with a policeman at the gate; and its hindmost portion overshadows Fetter-lane, like a palace lost in an alley.

Of course, there is a citizen here and there who knows that the Record Office is called the Record Office. But speaking generally, no one has ever been inside. I claim the credit of a Columbus. For I have been inside, writes Arthur E. Copping in the "Daily News."

The other afternoon I went up to the policeman at the gate and boldly asked, "Can I go in?" He seemed pleased to be spoken to. There was a ready politeness, an eager kindness, in his assent. "Certainly, sir; you can get to the museum by that middle door along there." On my passing through the indicated entrance a grave official in uniform came hurrying forward to take charge of my umbrella and to direct me up a few steps. Then another official in uniform stepped forth, and having, with old-world courtesy, opened a door for my passage, he deferentially desired me to follow a route made clear by gesture. Midway along the corridor two men engaged in mending a pipe ceased from their labours to gaze upon me—I won't say with awe, but with unmistakable interest.

The end of the corridor opened into a lofty and spacious apartment, which, guessing it to be the museum mentioned by the policeman, I entered. Once more a uniformed official—the only occupant of the place—came hurrying forward to place himself at my disposal.

It was a little bewildering. Were they expecting some exalted personage for whom I was mistaken? That did not prove the solution of the enigma. This magnificent State building existed, fully officered, for the use of the public, who alas, did not come. One of them had now arrived. It was an event. It affected the staff like a first spring day. The museum curator bustled about and got me to write my name in a book. The Record Office meant to have a record of the occurrence.

A far greater surprise was to come. The museum proved full of objects valuable beyond price—of an interest no words could exaggerate. One case contains Domesday Book—not a copy, but the actual volume written by direction of William the Conqueror, when he was seized with fiscalitis. Domesday Book! My eyes involuntarily roved in search of our old friend the Curfew Bell. Instead, I ran into the arms of the Duke of Wellington, as personified by his dispatch describing the Battle of Waterloo. Hard by was Nelson, revealed by the last letter he wrote before losing his arm, and one of the first he was subsequently compelled to sign with his left hand. Here also was the log of the Victory, with these entries in pure English : "At 11.30 the enemy commenced firing on the Royal Sovereign. At 11.40 the Royal Sovereign commenced firing on the enemy. At 11.50 the enemy began firing on us." Lord Nelson was wounded at about 1.15, and, a victory having been reported to him at 4.30, "he then died of his wound." Next I collided with Guy Fawkes. There was the anonymous letter to Lord Monteagle giving the first hint that rascality was afoot. There was King James suggesting that if the captured conspirator "will not other wayes confesse, the gentler tortours are to be first used unto him." There were two declarations by Guy Fawkes himself, one bearing a faltering signature (horrid evidence that the Royal order had been obeyed), the other testifying : "I stood as sentinell" over "20 barrells of powder "covered with billets and faggots.

That museum is a region where Time is not. As you move from case to case you pass to and fro among the centuries. You live in the past, and the present becomes a memory—the year 1904 an impertinence. History is revealed as a reality. Historical personages—William Rufus, Thomas a Becket, Henry VIII., King John, Cardinal Wolsey, Mary Queen of Scots, Sir Walter Raleigh, and all the others—are seen to be full of human parts, no longer monsters of virtue or wickedness, vaguely disclosed through a veil of sonorous sentences. You realise that the Edwards and Henrys were men of flesh and blood when you behold their deplorable handwriting. To gaze at Domesday Book is almost as good as shaking hands with William the Conqueror. A mummy of the man, or his voice in the phonograph, would not have nearly so much life in it.

"And this museum is open to the public!" I remarked, in amazement, to the curator.

Yes, he replied, it is open free from 2 to 4 daily.

And I am the only visitor to-day?

Oh, no; another gentleman looked in about an hour ago. Then he began to brag. We had three visitors on Monday, and a week or two ago there was quite a party—some antiquarian society. It is mostly Americans who come—some cross the Atlantic on purpose, I believe.

When was the museum opened?

On June 16th, 1892, and the very next day we had two visitors.

But I don't remember seeing anything about it in the papers.

I suppose they didn't hear of it. This was the old Rolls Chapel, but only about three children and an old woman ever came to the services, and as the place was crumbling to ruin they pulled it down and built this museum on the site, preserving all the features of historical or artistic value.

I turned again to my priceless discoveries. Those letters to Queen Elizabeth! The Earl of Leicester was solicitous to know how my gratious ladie doth and what ease of her late pains she finds. The Earl of Essex was her shaming, languishing, despayring S.X. (frivolous signature). Amurath III., Sultan of Turkey, went a good deal further. She was a most sapient princes . . . most grateful rain-cloud, sweetest fount of splendour and honour, etc. Two documents in Case M are charged with historic and political significance. Thomas Jefferson, Benjamin Franklin, and others write to George III. that the union between the Mother Country and the American Colonies, under mild and just government, had been the wonder and envy of other nations, but that now the loyal colonists were alarmed by a new system of statutes and regulations. In the next document George Washington addresses George III. as his great and good friend. What rich reading are the letters from Bacon (who wanted a cell to retire unto), Rubens (who desired to exchange pictures for antiquities), Milton (recommending a gentleman whose name is M. Marvile), Wren, Pepys, Defoe, and many besides.

The Record Office itself—over some parts of which the scholarly secretary, Mr. S. R. Seargill-Bird, courteously conducted me—is a huge treasure-house of State papers and legal records (until 1856 scattered in the Tower, the Chapter House at Westminster, the Pyx Chapel, and some sixty other places). The documents shown in the museum are but a small representative selection from the mass. Two reading-rooms are available to the public, and careful attendants bring the desired records from fire-proof and damp-proof chambers, where they repose in cages.

Many of the searchers are pedigree hunters or lady copyists engaged by historians. Mice and rats are kept outside the Record Office by stern precautions. And woe to the clothes moth that finds its way within.

Domesday Book (I cannot get away from Domesday Book) has been marvellously well cared for during several centuries at Westminster, since 1859 in Chancery-lane. It is almost as good as new. A history book that has been a fortnight in the use of a modern English schoolgirl looks more like dating from the Norman Conquest.

Cousins of the country! You really must take Londoners to that museum.

IT is stated that a new Steamship Company will be founded in Genoa with a capital of twelve million lire, under the firm "Italian Lloyd's," and that the capital in a short time will be raised to twenty millions. It is said that the names of the founders, important both industrially and financially, offer a sure guarantee for the success of the undertaking.

KAISER'S PRAISE.

BESIEGERS AND DEFENDERS ADMIRED.

"ESPECIALLY BY MYSELF."

WILHELM'S PRECIOUS TELEGRAMS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, JAN. 11.

Admiral Botrovosky's squadron has entered the Suez Canal.

Admiral Skrydloff has left Vladivostock for St Petersburg.

The Kaiser William in asking the Tsar's and Mikado's assent to bestow the Order of Merit on General Stoessel and General Nogi, respectively, sent the following telegram to the Tsar :—

"The defence of Port Arthur will ever be an example to the soldiers of all nations. The hero commanding your faithful camps is admired by the whole world and especially by my Army and myself. I am conferring the same honor on his brave opponent."

The Tsar replied that he highly appreciated the sympathy of the Kaiser and his army. General Stoessel had gallantly done his duty to the end at the head of a brave garrison.

His Majesty telegraphed to the Mikado :—

"The siege of Port Arthur has shown General Nogi to be a brave and prudent Commander whose heroic deeds and those of his troops will ever be admired by all soldiers and especially by myself and my Army. His brave opponent is receiving the same distinction."

The Mikado replied : "I am much obliged for your Majesty's admiration of the capture of Port Arthur and assent with pleasure to your Majesty's kind wish to confer on General Nogi, the highest distinction of the Prussian Army."

LONDON, JAN. 12.

The subscription to the new Russian loan was opened at Berlin and closed immediately. The applications were unusually large.

FRANCE AND MOROCCO.

The French Mission to Fez.

DANGERS OF THE ROUTE.

LONDNN, JAN. 12.

M. Taillandier, the French Minister, embarked at Tangier yesterday en route for Fez, via Laraiche, the Sultan being powerless to guarantee safety by the direct route of Tangier to Fez.

BRITAIN AND TURKEY.

Aden Hinterland Question.

Great Britain has rejected the Turkish Irade of the 1st instant, regarding the Aden Hinterland and insists on a settlement on the basis of the assurances previously given.

WINTER SESSION OF PARLIAMENT.

Persistent Rumours of Dissolution.

LONDON, JAN. 12.

Parliament will meet on the 14th February.

There are persistent reports in Parliamentary circles that Parliament will be dissolved in March.

THE COMING DISSOLUTION.

Government Prepared for Defeat.

LONDON, JAN. 11.

Mr. Arnold-Forster, speaking at Croydon last night, said he thought it would be the swing of the pendulum at the General Election. He urged the electors to make the Conservative minority as large as possible.

Mr. Walter Long, speaking at Weston-Super-Mare admitted it was possible that the country would have temporarily to select a Government from the other side.

THE FISCAL PUZZLE.

Mr. Chamberlain at Preston.

A SCHEME FOR INDIA.

Mr. Chamberlain at Preston, replying to the questions put to him by leading members of the Cotton Industry on the 9th instant, said he proposed nothing which would prejudice British manufactures in neutral markets.

He believed that when we came to deal with the Colonies, a scheme would be arranged whereby we should be able to take more products from India and the latter would take more of British, instead of foreign products.

He denied he had any intention to tax raw cotton.

SIGNOR TITTONI.

Signor Tittoni has recovered.

THE ORENBURG-TASHKEND RAILWAY.

Trains to run from 14th instant.

LONDON, JAN. 12.

Provisional running of trains on the Orenburg-Tashkend Railway will commence on the

For immediate delivery 10 H. P. two Cylinder Clement Cars, Rs. 5,400.—Sole Agent for India, E. J. Lee, 28, Esplanade Road Bombay.

VICTORIA MEMORIAL HALL.

RE-OPENING BY LORD CURZON.

(FROM A CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, JAN. 12.

H. E. the Viceroy and the trustees of the Victoria Memorial will be "At Home" in the Indian Museum, Calcutta, next Tuesday afternoon, to a number of invited guests to inaugurate the re-opening of the Victoria Memorial Exhibition. A large number of additions has been made to the collection during the past year. His Majesty the King has continued to take the warmest interest in the undertaking designed to commemorate the late Queen Victoria, and in addition to oil-paintings, which he presented a year ago, he has now forwarded to the trustees two bronze busts of Queen Alexandra and himself as well as a writing-cabinet and chair from Windsor Castle which were in daily use by Queen Victoria while conducting her official and private correspondence. Pictures and memorials lent by the Judges of the High Court and the Royal Asiatic Society, Bengal, will also be on view as well as a complete collection of the Indian Army medals and coins, a number of illuminated oriental manuscripts and many additions to the last year's collections of oil-paintings, prints engravings and personal relics. Models of the battlefields of Plassey and Seringapatam are also in course of execution and many oil paintings of distinguished Indians and Anglo-Indians have been promised.

TIBET EXPLORATION.

CAPT. RAWLING'S PARTY REACH SIMLA.

Captain Rawling and his party have reached Simla safely after their adventurous march through Western Tibet for which they appear to be none the worse.

THE INDIAN BUDGET.

It is announced that the Financial statement will be presented in Calcutta on the 22nd March and discussed in Council on the 29th of that month.

SURG.-GENERAL GALLWAY.

Surgeon-General Gallway, Principal Medical Officer, is expected back in India early in February.

P. W. D. POSTINGS.

CALCUTTA, JAN. 12.

Lieutenant C. F. Birney, R. E., from Field Service is re-appointed to the Public Works Department as Assistant Engineer North-Western Railway.

Mr. A. S. Thomson, Superintending Engineer, officiates as Chief Engineer and Secretary to the Government of Bengal Buildings and Roads Branch.

Mr. A. N. J. Harrison is appointed to the superior Accounts Branch as Assistant Examiner and posted to Madras.

Captains Wilkinson and Hopkins R E., Executive Engineers, are posted to the North-Western Railway.

Messrs. Despeissis and Savielle, Executive Engineers, are permitted to retire from the service of Government.

Major Mcelhinny R. E., is appointed Deputy Traffic Superintendent, Eastern Bengal State Railway.

Mr. Thomas, Assistant Superintendent, Locomotive Department, is appointed to the Eastern Bengal State Railway.

CRICKET IN POONA.

POONA GYMKHANA vs. AUNDH CAMP.

POONA, JANUARY 12.

A cricket match between Poona Gymkhana and Aundh Camp was played to-day on the Gymkhana ground and resulted in a win to the Gymkhana by 170 runs. The following are the scores :—

AUNDH CAMP.

Bombardier Taylor b Hooper	2
Mr Noonebell c Leslie b Tillard	0
Mr Bidwell b Tillard	51
Mr Gover b Tillard	4
Mr Cousens b Tillard	0
Bombardier Winterbottom b Baloo	1
Captain Dishon b Tillard	0
Mr Toll b Tillard	8
Corporal Bickham b Baloo	7
Bombardier Carnegie not out	0
Driver Parnell b Hooper	8
Extras	11
Total	92

POONA GYMKHANA.

Mr Hartley b Parnell	1
Mr Tillard b Parnell	10
Major Leslie b Carnegie	72
Mr Yates b Winterbottom c Bidwell	4
Captain Rose b Parnell	10
Captain Umfreville b Bidwell	32
Captain Hooper b Carnegie	13
Sergeant Morley b Carnegie	10
Mr Finlayson b Parnell	35
Pte. Mackenzie run out	33
Baloo not out	6
Extras	30
Total	262

MILITARY INTELLIGENCE.

Captain Adye Curran, Army Medical Corps is placed on half pay temporarily on account of ill health.

It is notified that all ranks who took part in the Aden Hinterland delimitation operations between 2nd January 1903 and 28th May 1904 will reckon such service as war service.

Inspector of Gymnasia in India arrives in Mandalay tomorrow and will be at Shivebo on the 15th Instant Bhamo 19th ; Rangoon 23rd Madras 27th Secundrabad 28th Poona 1st February and Lucknow 6th February.

Sind Volunteer Rifle Corps.—Herbert Charles Ashdown, to be Honorary Captain and Paymaster vice R. G. Nicoll, resigned.

Assistant Surgeon E. Mackenzie, Bombay, has been appointed Honorary Assistant Surgeon on H. E. the Viceroy's Personal Staff.

Southern Mahratta Railway Rifles.—Henry Francis Lockwood, gentleman, to be Second-Lieutenant vice McLaren, promoted.

The 1st Battalion, B. B. & C. I. Railway Volunteer Rifle Corps, will hold their annual Camp of Exercise between Dhond and Rutlam from Monday, the 16th January, to Sunday, the 22nd January. The General Officer Commanding Bombay Brigade, accompanied by the Deputy Assistant Adjutant-General, Bombay Brigade, will proceed to Rutlam on 18th January, returning to Bombay on 21st idem, to take the Annual Inspection of the 1st Battalion, B. B. & C. I. Railway Volunteer Rifle Corps. Two salutes of 11 guns each will be fired from the saluting battery, Bombay, to announce the departure and return of the General Officer Commanding. The next Senior Officer in the Garrison will command the Station of Bombay during the absence of the General Officer Commanding Bombay Brigade.

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NOTES FROM PARIS.

The Syveton "Affaire."

THE BOOM IN MOTORS.

IN CHRISTMAS MOOD.

PARIS, DEC. 23.

WHEN the Boulevards first rang with the death of Gabriel Syveton, his political friends, in their dramatic accents, declared that they would "faire la lumiere." They have been better than their word. The cloud of mystery has been rolled away, and instead of revealing a plot, a scandal of a peculiarly revolting type has been made manifest. The relations of the dead man might well say "Save us from our friends," for it is their threats of exposure of a seasonic murder that have led other people to take up the challenge and investigate to the last limit of evidence. There is little doubt, and I hear it from an unimpeachable source, as to the correctness of the version, given in most of the newspapers of the nature of the drame de famille. Syveton was involved in an intrigue of a peculiarly vulgar immorality. He forcibly reminds me of a character in one of Gyp's novels which like most of her work, has in it the realism of truth. The person suddenly introduced into chic society, adopted, as part of its uniform, its worst vices. This poor Syveton, destined by nature to be a humble and honest schoolmaster, became, by ambition, a political brawler and a member of the smart set, distinguished as much by its unseemliness as by the dubiety of its titles.

"L'Affaire Syveton" has, however, quitted its "terrain" of the purely scandalous and become political again. People divide themselves into two camps, pro-Syveton, and anti-Syveton, just as in the Dreyfus case. You may, thereby, know a man's political opinions. Every Ministerialist perforce believes in the theory of suicide, just as the Nationalists persist either in the theory of political assassination or of murder against a person mysteriously denominated as "X." Meanwhile, the "Juge d'Instruction," M. Boucard, is indefatigable in collecting evidence and has already exhausted the staying powers of one secretarial assistant, who has had to be replaced. But the stream of facts and suppositions is by no means dried up. On Wednesday afternoon, Mme. Syveton gave a new version of her husband's death. A newspaper was found placed over his face, she said. The experts accept it as a feasible explanation that the Deputy swallowed a great deal of gas, whilst there was but a slight odour of it in the room. It is, however, at least, curious that the lady should have left this essential fact to the last moment before making it known to the world. There is a vast amount of family linen being washed in public, and the dead man's memory find its most grievous assaults from members of his own family. The Nationalist organs have entered into the controversy with exceptional fury, and M. Rochefort, in a fine frenzy, has baptised the critics of M. Syveton as that Menard gang, Menard being the husband of the late Deputy's stepdaughter.

To-day—Several newspapers seem to be abandoning the suicide in favour of the murder theory. The "Journal" says :—"The suicide version is now only upheld by a few persons, and by them feebly. The magistrates, after hesitating so long, are coming to a belief in the crime theory. A whole bundle of documents in support of this theory has been collected, and there is no doubt that unless some unexpected turn of events takes place, some sensational arrests will be effected in a very short time." The "Petit Parisien" says :—"The theory of murder is gaining fresh adherents every day, but although the judicial authorities do not think a crime impossible, their views as to who the criminal or criminals may be, are very uncertain. There must be at least the commencement of a proof for some one to be arrested. Now this commencement of a proof has hitherto been lacking." In a conference which took place between the Procurator of the Republic and the examining magistrate, it was decided that an inquiry regarding certain persons should be set on foot through the agency of M. Cavard, who is chief of the detective department.

Like humbler folk, King Carlos has visited the Automobile Exhibition and gazed with apparent interest and delight at the many wonderful exhibits to be seen there. Not the least wonderful is the crowd which daily consorts thither, containing the least and the greatest of the world. Never was there such a popularisation of the automobile as this year. The talk of the verist infants seems to be interlarded with "caburetter" and "radiator," and the other jargon of the motor. Enthusiasts are visibly moved by the fact that M. Loubet, on the day he opened the Salon, went to visit the machinery in the Serres of the Cours la Reine in a motor-car. This was his first public appearance in the horseless-carriage of the twentieth century. Another President—who knows ?—may make all his official visit in a car of State "a petrole." M. Loubet, however, is known to cling to his horses. He is an excellent whip. Any fine afternoon during the season one may see the Chief Magistrate driving towards the Bois in a smart phaeton and pair, followed by the policemen cyclists who, since M. Carnot's assassination always guard the person of the President.

The Earl of Shrewsbury and Talbot was setting foot in the morning train to Calais, from the Gare du Nord, in the midst of a gentle atmosphere of returning school-girls and leisured holiday-makers, when I intervened to ask for information on the subject of fifty Hotchkiss motor-cars, which the papers had credited his lordship with buying. It seemed, on the face of it, a sporting purchase. Were the cars destined to convey the shilling fare over the slippery pavements of London, to beat the head off the hansom cab, or what was the inwardness of the transaction ? The Earl, I found, was used to this kind of interrogation, and he did not flinch. No, he said, I have bought the cars for my British Automobile Syndicate. You know I have entered into arrangements with the Clement Bayard house to manufacture their 'marque' in England, where they are know as the Talbot car. We have opened fully-equipped works, covering five acres of ground, at Notting Hill. Just think of ! Two millions' worth of cars were imported into England last year. There is one answer to the unemployed problem. We are five years behind the French in motor manufacture. The day has already come in Paris, as you notice, for the closed carriage and the 'voiture de luxe.' We are still consent to run about in open tonneaux. But that must soon change, and there will be a great business, not only in the carriage for general purposes, but in motor omnibuses and parcel waggons. The French coach-builders have succeeded in getting a pretty line for their carriage-bodies, beating the English makers in the grace and finish of their work. The French workman, too, is a fellow of taste who seems to know exactly what is wanted. Lord Shrewsbury and Talbot's name is so well-known in connection with cabs that it is hardly necessary to say that he first introduced the rubbertyre for the London gondola. His reminiscences in that direction brought him to say that the tyre was one of the great problems of automobiling. You are increasing weight, he said, in the luxurious fittings you now impose upon the carriage-builder. You put six persons where formerly you only put two. But the resistance of the tyre has not grown really greater. Perhaps we may hear one day of a Talbot tyre.

With the approach of Christmas the great shops have decked themselves bravely. For the moment they are the most popular rendezvous in the city. In the afternoon, they are blocked with people. There is fascination within and without, and the crowds that stand glued to the windows, where dresses shimmer with gold and tinsel, or a miniature family, in plaster, is putting itself to bed in the daintiest of nests hung about with blue curtains, is sufficiently great to seriously derange the traffic. But Paris is accustomed to that kind of thing, and, provided the obstruction is amusing or interesting, it will never be annoyed. How often have the booths that arrange themselves along the Boulevards at Christmas time been condemned to extinction for the impediment they cause to locomotion ! But they still exist, and probably always will. By the time these lines appear, the first signs of the Boulevard fair will have begun to show above ground in the shape of little huts placed at intervals along the thoroughfares, and prepared to open themselves, like spring flowers, after the rain. What secrets for childish eyes are hidden in these mysterious little buildings.

But the shops in Christmas mood are irresistible. To-day, I wandered into a great store on the other side of the river, to take stock of Christmas treasure. No need for Aladdin to rub his lamp—here was one vast cave already sparkling with gold and silver, full of resplendent things, and peopled with the most delightful inhabitants. It was a palace of delight, a palace of riches, luminous with the bullion and specie of childish currency. Of course there was provision for the grown-up world in that splendid array of dress models, in that wealth of furs and the other trappings of the modern woman ; but to-day the child held the sway. Christmas is the feast of the child—Scripturally. And the crowd this afternoon, in the great houses of merchandise, behaved as if the child were foremost in its thoughts. It thronged the counters where the toys were exposed and it imbibed the child spirit so much that it stood by the hour listening to the magic orchestra that distilled a sweet harmony through these halls of childdom.

You would be presented to the orchestra ? Well the player upon the piano was a red, shock-headed youth dressed with the certain extravagance of the minstrel. The conductor, standing upon his box, waved his baton gently to the measure of the polka His action was perfect ; his lips moved from time to time as if in remonstrance with the wayward tendencies of his band, and his feet oscillated as if they too felt the influence of this lilting air. Immediately before him was a positively beautiful negro, whose face beamed with a Christmas joy, whose hand strummed upon a mandolin. Then there was the trombone player, who seemed to "swallow it every time," whose forehead glowed with a hidden light, as if the excess of his emotions had set fire to his brain. Lastly, there was an extremely youthful member of the band, whose principal duty seemed to be to fall periodically into a tub and to extricate himself with an appearance of grace. Nevertheles, I am bound to say that his "raison d'etre" was expressed in his holding the music for the "trombone." It was a striking group in the centre of the hall. The public listened with respect until the morceau from Carmen was finished, and I expected to hear them applaud. They were in the Christmas vein, but, perhaps, a sudden sense of grown-upness came to them as the conductor, in a final flourish, nearly blinded the nigger with the point of his stick, and arrested their beating hands. Any way, there was no recall, and Master Jacques Bonhomme asked his smiling mamma, confidentially. They are not real musicians, are they ? Well, no doubt those visits of the shopman to the back of the piano had something to do with the starting of the melody and the gestures of the players.

But as attractive as any department of the children's show was the animals' quarter. How regal looked the plaster lions, how ferocious the tigers, how peaceful and sagacious the elephants ! Marvellous animals they were, each speaking in its own language if you only twisted its neck. Space fails to tell of the other glories of this establishment; of the silent cardboard host looking down at one from the dim heights of the gallery—clowns and soldiers and prehistoric beasts, hobgoblins and Aunt Sallies, and the other time-honoured residents of nursery land. Shall we not mention, too, the mechanical toys, more wonderful each year—the engines running upon real rails and being "pointed" off on other lines ; automobiles than went of their own accord : yachts that got up real steam, and banged off real cannon. A mysterious, a fascinating world this, stranger, more highly coloured, more startling in its surprises than the brightest dream of a childish brain charged with Reveillon cheer and the pages of Haps Anderson. Enough has been said to show that Paris children have no ennui these days, notwithstanding the persistent gloom of the weather. It rains half the day and glowers the other half to such purpose that the artificial illuminant is a necessity at ten in the morning.

THE BOMBAY SERVICES.

Major J. W. B. Merewether, Assistant Political Agent, First Grade, is granted privilege leave for three months, combined with furlough for eighteen months, from the 1st January or subsequently.

Mr. C. W. A. Turner, I. C. S., Assistant Collector in the district of Dharwar, is appointed to be a Magistrate of the Second Class.

The services of Mr. K. A. Reinold, Personal Assistant to the Chief Commissioner, Central Provinces, are replaced at the disposal of the Government of Bombay with effect from the 5th proximo.

Mr. F. A. M. H. Vincent, Assistant Inspector-General of Police, passed on the 3rd January an examination in Urdu according to the Higher Standard.

Captain Loveday, R. G. A., Lieutenant LaTouche R. G. A., and Assistant Surgeon Donnelland, attached to the R. I. M. S. "Dalhousie," passed an examination in the Somali language on the 22nd December.

Messrs. R. D. Bell, I. C. S., J. C. Ker, I. C. S., and E. J. Bolus, I. C. S., passed an examination in Hindustani on the 15th December.

Mr. P. J. Mead, B.A. (Cantab.), I. C. S., on return to duty, is appointed to be Talukdari Settlement Officer.

Mr. A. W. W. Mackie, I. C. S., passed an examination in Marathi according to the Higher Standard on 16th December.

Mr. R. A. L. Moore, I. C. S., has been allowed to return to duty within the period of his leave.

Mr. H. W. Keys, Deputy Conservator of Forests, Second Grade, and Divisional Forest Officer, Satara, is allowed such privilege leave as may be due to him on 25th February in combination with furlough to bring the combined period of absence up to one year.

The Reverend Canon F.N. Hill, Senior Presidency Chaplain, is appointed to be Chaplain of Camp, Aden.

The following appointments are made with effect from the date of return to duty of the Reverend W. J. M. Kennelly, Chaplain of Byculla :—The Venerable Archdeacon W. E. Scott to be Senior Presidency Chaplain vice the Reverend Canon Hill, the Reverend G. R. A. Courtice to be Chaplain of Colaba, the Reverend C. F. W. Hatchell to be Chaplain of St. Mary's, Poona, and the Reverend C. E. C. de Coetlogan to be Domestic Chaplain to the Bishop.

Mr. W. J. Birnie, who, on return from leave, has rejoined his duties as Electric Resident Engineer under the P. and O. Steam Navigation Company, has been appointed with the consent of his employers Inspector of Electric Installations for the Island of Bombay in place of Mr. F. Hersee.

Mr. W. R. Lewis, temporary Engineer, is appointed to act as Executive Engineer, Sholapur District, vice Mr. B. P. Milsom, Executive Engineer, 1st Grade proceeding on combined leave.

THE "Westminster Gazette" relates that the Vicar of Rogate, Sussex, received a letter from Australia some time ago inquiring if it were possible to find a man in the village whose waistcoat was stolen thirty years ago. The Vicar, after a search, found a man who lost a waistcoat and 10s. about that time, and he wrote to say so. Another letter has now come enclosing £10 for the man whose waiscoat was stolen, and containing an expression of gratitude from the sender, who stated that with the proceeds from the sale of the waistcoat he was able to make a fresh start in life, and is now well off.

THE death has occurred at Kelso of "Prince" Robert Rutherford, the younger son of the late Esther, Queen of the Border Gipsies, and brother of the late King Charles. Robert travelled a great deal, and had a very eventful life. Owing to his weakness for liquor, he was, however, frequently in trouble, and came to be regarded by his family and his tribe as something of a disgrace to them. His mother, Queen Esther, was a highly intelligent woman, and enjoyed a good deal of popularity on the Borders, where she was well known. The Royal Palace was at Yetholm, a Border village which has been the head-quarters of a gipsy colony for hundreds of years, but she travelled over a pretty extensive district.

THE BOMBAY DOCK SCHEME.

The "Pioneer" writes :—In referring again to the Bombay Port Trusts scheme for increasing the harbour accommodation of Bombay, we may be allowed to give renewed expression to the satisfaction with which the Trustees' decision on the subject of the bulk oil installations will be and has already been received. The decision to remove the installation takes a weight off the mind of many to whom the prospect of the retention of the tanks anywhere near the docks had become oppressive. We have reason to know that since attention was first called to the question in the "Pioneer" this oil storage has become a matter of anxiety to many by no means directly interested in shipping or in the oil trade but concerned with the safety of the community and with the interests of Bombay. These reasons are not difficult to understand. It is easy to exaggerate, but it is also easy to minimise a threatened danger ; and in the light of what has happened at Hoboken, it cannot be said that the fears expresed about the oiltanks in Bombay were ungrounded. For this reason the Public will be grateful to the Port Trust for the action that they are now about to take after prolonged consideration. The new site is suitable in every way. It is far away from the docks and—what is still more important—from the city of Bombay. The danger from fire is thus reduced to a minimum. No amount of precaution and no degree of isolation will secure complete immunity from the danger of fire in the handling and in the transit of petroleum. Trains will have to come close to the tanks in most cases, and work will sometimes be necessary at repairs and the erection of new tanks ; and the same causes which brought about the fires at Budge Budge and at Hoboken, where as is now believed the escaping oil took fire from a workman's forge, many precipitate a conflagration wherever oil-tanks are grouped. But although fire and even loss of life cannot be absolutely provided against, that is no reason for running the appalling risks of an oil fire in the heart of a big city ; and the Port Trustees have wisely selected a site not only removed from populated parts but cut off by the configuration of the ground from the harbour and the surrounding country.

The site has many other advantages. The proposed Harbour Branch Railway which will—in the next decade, we hope—carry mails and passengers to and from the side of the mail steamers, is to pass over the newly acquired land. A long pier, at which steamers will be able to discharge at all times will be run out to the deep-water line. One of the chief advantages that the new site has is that it I large and gives plenty of room for the expansion of the trade in petroleum. The expectations, which we expressed when we first referred to this subject, have been fulfilled, if indeed they have not been surpassed. The production and the consumption of petroleum still increase by leaps and bounds. The number of motor cars in use in India must have doubled or trebled in the last eighteen months, and new applications of petroleum gas as a motive power are still taking place. Since the question of the installations came up, two additional companies have applied to the Port Trust for ground space for their tanks. These applications have probably helped the Trustees to come to a final decision, and whatever the Trustees' own reasons may be, they have set a much needed example to other public bodies in Bombay in taking a long look ahead and in providing for the expansion of trade and the growth of the city. From all that we hear the great complaint in Bombay at the present time is of the short-sighted policy that the various authorities, not excepting the Government, have pursued in the past. The substance of the complaint is that with miles of open land to the north of the city the authorities have allowed railways and public buildings and residential tenements to be jammed into the narrow end of the island, until now the congestion is becoming so acute that the whole question of the improvement of Bombay will have to be faced and grappled with at no distant date. Whatever truth there may in this complaint, it would have been a great pity—apart from the possibility of danger from the installations—if a progressive and energetic body like the Port Trust had followed a laissez faire policy. In removing the tanks from the busy neighbourhood of the docks to the open land in the north of the island, they have taken a lead in the improvement of Bombay itself, as well as in affording facilities for the expansion of trade and they have been able to provide for this without permanent loss. For we are glad to notice that the Trustees expect that their out lay on the removal will be fully repaid by the increased revenue from the trade in petroleum.

Now that this question is settled, there will be no difference of opinion on the Port Trust's new scheme. The Trustees are to be congratulated on the progress already made. Their design has been not only to increase the harbour accommodation but to provide docking facilities to ships considerably larger than any that now sail to Bombay. They have had the courage to look well ahead. There has been a continuous increase in the size of the ships sailing to the East in the last few years. The Trustees evidently expect that this increase will continue. The main feature of the new scheme is the construction of a dock large enough and deep enough to accommodate ships of a deeper draft than any that now sail to Bombay or even to the East. After much deliberation the Trust decided to construct the new dock at Mody Bay, north of the Ballard Pier so familiar to passengers by the mail. It was then seen that room would have to be found elsewhere for the bulk oil installations that had been erected on two reclamations jutting but into the sea between the Ballard Pier and the Victoria Docks. The largeness and completeness of the new scheme were immediately recognised and the preject as a whole was received with marked approval by the shipping community and by all competent to give an opinion. One part of the scheme which was specially interesting to the general community was the proposal to bring the railway down alongside the mail steamers. To effect this and to provide for a railway station and the accompanying waiting-rooms and customs house it is proposed to feel in the whole Ballard Basin up to a point about three times as far out as the present pier. This work has already begun. Contracts for the whole work were signed some months ago, and the preparations for the reclamation of Ballard Basin are now going on. Soon after the first publication, the Trustees were led to modify the plans in the direction of providing for still larger ships. As the plans now are they provide for the entrance into the docks of ships drawing 33 feet ; and the large dry dock, which is a prominent feature in the design is to be no less than 1,000 feet long. Considering that the Suez Canal does not allow for the passage of ships drawing more than 27 feet, and that the longest ship launched last year was under 800 feet, it will be seen how far in front the Trustees are looking. If the projected second canal is ever cut, it will probably from the beginning be wider and deeper than the existing one ; but in any case the deepening of the waterway through the isthmus must soon take place if our outcoming vessels are not to seek the old Cape route. Perhaps by the time the new docks are ready the canal, too, will be open for larger ships. It is calculated that the completion of the docks will take about ten years. That is a long time to look forward to ; but the community will be content to wait when they consider the importance of the scheme and the greatness of the benefits ultimately to be secured. The present generation of Anglo-Indians can now look forward to stepping directly from the train on board the ship which is to take them away ; and the mercantile community may hope to have a greatly accelerated mail service over the whole of India. The chief benefit, however, will come from the new dock itself. At present the docking facilities of the port have become too limited for the volume of trade. In twenty years the revenue of the Trust has nearly doubled and the trade of the port has grown so that Bombay now holds the position of the third port in the British Empire. The public will now watch with growing interest the completion of this latest effort to enlarge the capacity and develop the resources of the port in proportion to the rising demands of commerce.

SAILANA NOTES.

THE weather has been very cloudy, though it clears at intervals. The wind is cold and piercing. Catarrhal, chest and head affections are consequently prevalent in the town, writes our Sailana correspondent.

Malarial fevers are less prevalent this year owing to the deficient rainfall.

The Political Agent, Malwa, is expected to arrive here, about the 15th instant and will probably make a long halt of about fifteen days owing to Army Manœuvres and Camps of Exercises that are to take place after the 21st instant.

Troops from Mhow, Neemuch, Ahmedabad and Nashirabad, will begin to pour in about the 20th instant. Sham fighting and military tactics will be practised on a grand scale. There will be a gathering of about 10,000 troops. The State Officials and people of this town will have a very busy and pleasant time. Hay, dairy, and sanitary officers from Mhow have been here, to effect the necessary arrangements and were helped by the State Officials.

His Highness the Raja Sahib has been fortunate enough to tide over his recent illness of fever and bronchitis, which threatened to become very serious.

The Hon'ble the Agent to the Governor-General in Central India is expected to visit Sailana for a couple of days while the Military Camp is located in our State. His Honour will probably perform the formal ceremony of investing his Highness Sir Jasvantsingji, Bahadur with the insignia of K. C. I. E. There will great rejoicings and holidays will be observed throughout the State

THE BOMBAY EXHIBITION.

INDIVIDUAL STALLS.

A CLOSE inspection of the exhibits contained in the various individual stalls on the Oval would by themselves give the visitor sufficient matter for reflection without going through the main courts and other shows we have already described. In these are to be seen goods of every description, from a pin, one might say, to an anchor.

TOTTHILL SHARP AND CO.

Messrs. Totthill, Sharp and Co., of Tamarind Lane, have a very attractive stall adjoining the Health Section, the interior of which is walled with the famous "Emdeca" metal tiles. Nestle's food preparations are to be found in this stall in abundance, these including milo and milk foods and Swiss condensed milk (sweetened and unsweetened). In a prominent part of the front wall are exhibited two cases of gold and silver medals awarded to the manufacturers at various Exhibitions in and out of India, including Paris, London, Berlin, Vienna, &c. Then there are Aeratos exhibits of sparklets in syphons, bottle flasks, &c., and these may be sampled at any time during the Exhibition hours.

The firm are also agents for J. J. Taunton, Ltd., of London, whose manufactures may be seen to great advantage in the way of [illegible] brass bedsteads, cradles, &c., and some [illegible] pillows for insomnia. There is one large brass bedstead in particular worth noting. It is very attractive in appearance, and is fitted with a fine woven wire mattress. All the parts are detachable, so that it can be easily packed for shipment whenever necessary. There is also a Soda Water Machinery by Tullock & Co., of London on view, which is said to be one of the finest and handiest specimen ever introduced into the country.

The firm being agents also for Messrs. Richard Ibbetson & Co. are showing a variety of fine tools turned out at the factory in London, as also scents, soaps and other products of Messrs. John Gosnell's factory.

KEMP AND COMPANY.

Messrs. Kemp and Company, Chemists and Druggists, have their stall located alongside of the Carriage Show Rooms. The visitor here is afforded an idea of the effects of radium. Centrally placed is a dark box in which a small tube of radium is fixed. By placing the tube against a screen in the box, the glow of the Radium Rays can be observed on the screen. If a piece of metal be placed between the screen and the tube of radium the rays pass right through the metal and can be observed on the screen. The rays also pass through the hand, if placed between the screen and the tube. It is necessary, however, to look intently for about twenty seconds in order that the eyes may be able to cope with the darkness inside, and then the glow of the rays will be distinguished on the screen. Among the other exhibits are a variety of medical and sick room requisites, hospital appliances, veterinary medicines, surgical instruments, chemical and electric apparatus photographic goods, medicine chests, spectacles, etc., etc.

KAPADIA AND SONS.

The firm of Messrs. J. M. Kapadia and Sons local wholesale and retail dealers in Chinese, Japanese, and Continental Silk, Mercers, have an attractive stall next to the Bicycle Merry-go-round, for ladies generally. Besides being well-known dealers in silks, this firm are dressmakers and embroiders and display some very valuable materials. Several representations in gold and silver embroideries of the Victoria Terminus, the Agra Taj, the Tomb of Akbar at Agra, &c., in large ornamental frames adorn the inner walls of the stall, while among the exhibits are some handsome specimens of gold and silver embroidery work in the shape of ladies' collars, laces, and other articles executed on black velvet. The latest costume in white silk and silver embroidery is depicted on a life size figure of a Parsee lady. Notably among the other exhibits of interests is a folding screen, one side of which is richly embroidered in gold and silver, while the other is a specimen of plush work, representing some well known scenes in Vienna. There are also to be seen some beautiful specimens of embroidery on chiffon and other delicate materials.

WHITEAWAY LAIDLAW AND COMPANY.

Lovers of music would do well to pay a visit to the stall occupied with the exhibits of Messrs Whiteaway Laidlaw and Company, where nightly the latest gramaphones introduced into the country may be heard. To those unacquainted with the difference existing between a gramaphone and a phonograph some enlightenment is necessary. In a phonograph the disc recorders are made of wax, and the consequence is that when produced the voice of the singer or speaker is thrown out with a nasal tone, while in a gramaphone the discs are made vulcanine and not being so susceptible to the touch of the finger or any object it produce's the actual voice and the discs last considerably longer than the phonograph recorders. These gramaphones, for the supply of which the firm of Messrs. Whiteaway and Laidlaw have secured a big reputation, are to be heard in full swing at their stall each evening. Then there are Sandow's developers, other and gymnastic apparatus on view, besides a quantity of the cheap "Yankee" watches lately introduced. A large steel two-oar boat is also on view and an assortment of household requisites.

JUGMODAS AND COMPANY.

Messrs. Jugmodas and Company, who carry on an extensive business throughout Gujerat and Kathiawar occupy a portion of the same stall and exhibit a variety of gramaphones, with recorders of songs, &c., by the English male and female vocalists. Some of the songs recorded by the famous Madame Melba are worthy of note, as also some native songs introduced by Gauharjan, a leading Indian Dancing girl.

THE JEWELLERY COURTS.

The judging of these Courts which was fixed for yesterday, had again to be postponed owing to [illegible] of the exhibits not having turned up at the appointed hour when the judges arrived on the scene.

SPECIAL "PURDAH" DAY.

Over five hundred pardah women availed themselves of the opportunity of visiting the Exhibition yesterday between 9 a. m. and noon, when no male visitors were admitted.

THE INDIAN NATIONAL CONGRESS.

THE Volunteer Captains request all Volunteers to be present at the Apollo Bunder at 11-30 a. m. sharp to-morrow to bid goodbye to Sir Henry Cotton and Sir William and Miss Wedderburn who are returning to England by the next mail.

The Chairman of the Reception Committe requests all members to attend at the Apollo Bunder at 12-30 p. m. to-morrow.

WORK is proceeding satisfactorily of the Quetta-Nushki Railway which should be ready for opening in the spring.

MR. Tucker who will officiate for Colonel McMahon as Agent to the Governor-General in Baluchistan is now Political Agent at Bhopawar. He proceeds to Quetta forthwith.

SOME specimens of the new pattern of five rupee note have reached India. They are larger than those tried experimentally last summer and have a figure of 5 boldly punched in red on the face. They should prove generally acceptable to both Europeans and Natives.

THE proposal that Admiral Birileff should take a fresh squadron of Baltic war-ships to Japanese waters to reinforce Admiral Rozhdestvensky's fleet does not commend itself to practical seamen of other powers as Admiral Birileff will need 180 officers but at present very few are available, all capable commanders and navigators having been secured for Admiral Rozhdestvensky's ships.

BOMBAY CORPORATION.

An adjourned meeting of the Bombay Corporation was held yesterday afternoon, in the Municipal Council Hall, Mr. James Macdonald, presiding.

THE LATE MR. HORMUSJI S. VAKIL.

Sir Bhalchundra Krishna moved "that the Corporation record their deep regret at the death on the 10th instant, of their colleague, Mr. Hormusji Shapurji Vakil, who, as a member of the Corporation for about seven years, took an active and prominent part in the civic Government of Bombay, working always with zeal and diligence and rendering useful and valuable services. That a copy of the above resolution be forwarded to thefamily of the deceased, with an expression of the Corporation's sympathy in their sad bereavement. That as a mark of respect to the memory of the deceased Councillor, the Corporation do adjourn to-day, without doing any business." He said, the late Mr. Hormusji Vakil took great interest in the civic affairs of Bombay, and his untimely death was therefore much to be deplored. He was sure, he expressed the sentiment of the whole Corporation, when he said that in Mr. Hormusji's death, they had sustained a serious loss. Mr. Hormusji was one of the most prominent Councillors of the Corporation and his loss would be greatly felt. He also deeply sympathised with the family in their sad bereavement. He hoped the Corporation would pass the resolution with one voice.

The Hon. Mr. Ibrahim Rahimtula in seconding the proposition said Mr. Hormusji during his career in the Corporation tried to do his duty, and proved useful to the city to the best of his lights. They might have differed from him on various occasions, but there was no doubt that Mr. Hormusji was actuated with the best of intentions for the welfare of the city. He (the speaker) trusted the Corporation would accept the proposition unanimously.

Dr. N. H. Sukhia observed that by the death of Mr. Hormusji he had lost an esteemed colleague on the board of the Corporation, and the rate-payers their doughty champion. Both the Corporation and the city had suffered by the death of Mr. Hormusji, who had done yeoman service to them. His services on the question of the meter system was too fresh in the minds of the members of the Corporation to be referred to at length. Suffice it to say that the city was relieved of the infliction of meters through his instrumentality. It would be remembered that the Corporation gave as their contribution every year to the City Improvement Trust no less a sum than five lakhs of rupees, and it was again through the instrumentality of Mr. Hormusji that the amount was considerably reduced benefitting the ratepayers to a great extent. He always lent a helping hand to younger members of the Corporation, and he was not exaggerating when he said that a more beneficent gentleman never sat on the board of the Corporation.

Mr. Jehangir B. Petit said, in the death of Mr. Hormusji the Corporation had lost a valuable colleague. The deceased Councillor brought great ability, tact and judgment to bear on all questions brought before that body. The loss of a member like Mr. Hormusji could not be easily repaired.

The President said before he submitted the resolution to the meeting, he might mention that for the number of years he had known Mr. Hormusji as a member of the Corporation, he could not think of a Councillor more independent, and more zealous in pushing what he considered to be in the best interest of the Corporation and the city. As had been said by the previous speakers, he felt sure that the loss to the Corporation was a very serious one. They were all very sorry indeed that he had passed away.

The resolution was then put to the vote and carried unanimously.

The President then informed the Corporation that the Budget Estimates would be laid on the table on Monday next, in order to give members an opportunity of giving notices of motion on the same. The consideration of the Budget would be proceeded with on Monday week.

The Corporation then adjourned.

A CLAIM FOR DAMAGES.

ALLEGED BREACH OF A COTTON CONTRACT.

The Hon. Mr. Justice Chandavarkar, at the High Court yesterday, heard the suit of Fakirchand Lalchand and others, trading under the name of Motichand Lalchand, against Dulabh Govindji and others, trading in Dholera under the name of Govindji Lalji, to recover Rs. 4 043, as damages for breach of contract. Since the filing of the suit, the first defendant had died; therefore, the claim was proceeded with against the two other defendants, Tribhovan Govindji and Hemraj Gokal Govindji. Mr. Inverarity, Mr. Davar and Mr. Lowndes, instructed by Messrs. Captain and Vaidya, appeared for the plaintiffs. Mr. Raikes, Acting Advocate-General, and Mr C. H. Setalvad, instructed by Messrs. Madhavji and Kamdar, appeared for the defendants.

The case of the plaintiffs was this. They were merchants and commission agents; and since the Samvat year 1957, they had been employed by the defendants as their commission agents. On 14th August 1903, defendants instructed them to sell 100 bales of Broach machine-ginned cotton, forward delivery, to be given between 15th and 25th March 1904, to Punamchand Nathmal, at Rs. 225 per candy. They advised the defendants of the sale. At the Dewali of 1959, Punamchand's munim closed the shop and disappeared. After ten days the shop was re-opened, and business resumed. On the due date Punamchand demanded delivery of the cotton, which the defendants were unable to deliver. Punamchand thereupon demanded from the plaintiffs Rs. 3 874 for breach of contract, this being the difference between the contracted price and the price of cotton sold in the market on the due date, Rs. 307 per candy. Plaintiffs were constrained to make the payment to Punamchand. Other charges had increased the above sum to Rs. 4,043; hence this suit.

The defendants, in their statement, stated that this suit was brought on what was only one item in an account comprising a series of transactions between the plaintiffs and the defendants since the year 1957, and in respect of which the former were indebted to the latter in a large sum. Defendants maintained that the plaintiffs were not entitled to bring the suit in respect of a selected item. They should have sued upon what balance might have been due to them upon the whole account. Under these circumstances defendants submitted that an account might be taken, and the suit dismissed with costs. Plaintiffs informed them on 8th August 1903, that they had sold 50 candies of cotton at the rate of Rs. 224-4 per candy, but they did not state to whom. The contract entered by plaintiffs with Punamchand was not "bona fide" If it was, defendants were entitled to repudiate it in view of the plaintiffs' conduct, in that they had given them a rate lower than the one at which they had actually sold the cotton. Plaintiffs' intention was to appropriate to themselves the difference in the price. In the particulars of demand plaintiffs sought to recover damages at the rate of Rs. 224-4 per candy. As soon as defendants became aware of the perpetration of this sort of dealing by the plaintiffs, they repudiated their liability to the contract. They denied that the plaintiffs paid to Punamchand the Rs. 3,974, as alleged.

Evidence in the case was heard during the day.

BOMBAY 4TH EXTRA MEETING.

HORSES STRUCK OUT.

SATURDAY, 14 JAN. 1905

The Epsom Plate.—Jubilant, Harpist, Felzeros, Carlino and Banker.

The Marine Line's Plate.—Narunjee, Mooreed, Bendigo Talisman, Money spinner and Brunny.

The highest weight accepting being less than 9 st. the highest weight accepting is raised to 9 st. and the others equally.

The weights being as follows:—Skylark 9'0, Precious 8'9, Arabian Flag 8'6, Nadir Shah 8'6, Hadhur 8'5, Vasco 8'3, Sahab 7'11, Eed 7'8 and Faithful 7'3.

The Strangers Plate.—Royal, Cant Wait, Colonel and Dholpur.

The Bedown Plate.—Winchester and Hopeful.

The Small Arab Handicap.—Sarhan, Mooreed, Zurriff, Calcutta, Akyab, Huddal, Winchester, Malabar, Master Willie, Bahar, Silver, Prince.

The Hopeful Plate.—Port Arthur, Highborn, Nadeem.

CECIL GRAY,
Secretary, W. I. T. C.

Bombay, 12 January 1905.

The Bath for Tender Feet.

Eminent Physicians strongly recommend the addition of a little Condy's Fluid to the Daily Bath or Foot Bath. (See Medical Reports in Book on bottle).

Tired, Tender or Aching Feet are instantly relieved and all trace of Odour immediately disappears.

Condy's Fluid is sold by all Chemists. Beware of substitutes, all of which are inferior in composition and strength. Insist on having "Condy's Fluid."

A DISHONEST PUBLIC OFFICIAL.

Mr. E. M. Pratt, Sessions Judge of Khandesh, in October last convicted Narayen Govind Ratnaparkhe, employed in the Mamlatdar's office at Pachora, accused No. 2, of falsification of accounts and sentenced him to rigorous imprisonment for five years. An appeal by the accused was heard at the High Court yesterday before the Hon. Mr. Justice Russell and the Hon. Mr. Justice Aston. The Government Pleader, Rao Bahadur V. J. Kirtiker, appeared for the Crown; and Mr. M. V. Bhat for the accused.

The appellant and two others were charged in this case with falsification of accounts. Accused No. 1 was the treasury karkun, and No. 3 the shroff karkun in the Mamlatdar's office at Pachora. Accused No. 2 was employed in the same office as a candidate, and occasionally as a substitute karkun. He was the son of accused No. 1. Accused Nos. 2 and 3 were charged on three counts with offences under section 477 A of the Penal Code, and accused No. 1 with abetment of the offences by accused No. 3. The frauds, out of which the charges arose, were committed in respect of the accounts and payments of the salaries and allowances of the village officers of the Pachora Taluka. These salaries and allowances were registered in the Peta khate-vahi, which formed a sort of combined ledger and register. The procedure of payment was described by the Collector's dufterdar, who was the complainant in the case, and by others. The check in this instance was made by the Awal Karkun, who was responsible for the payments that were the subject of prosecution in this case. In each of the cases referred to in the charges, the fraud had been effected on the same system. A first instalment was paid in February. Then in July, the February payment was erased, and instead of one instalment being paid, the amount of both instalments was paid, thus making an overpayment of one instalment. It was obvious that the village officers, even though there might in some cases be reason to suspect them of being accomplices, could not have carried out these frauds without the help of some in the office. They could not have had access to the accounts to make the necessary erasures. If accused No. 1, said the Sessions Judge, was shown to have knowingly made a false entry in furtherance of a fraud, it must be that he made it with intent to defraud. The result of the trial was that the Sessions Judge, agreeing with both assessors found No. 1 not guilty and set him at liberty. Accused Nos. 2 and 3 were convicted and sentenced each to five years' rigorous imprisonment.

Their lordships, having considered the arguments urged in the appeal, dismissed it and confirmed the conviction and sentence.

KIDNAPPING A GIRL.

The Hon. Mr. Justice Russell and the Hon. Mr. Justice Aston, presiding at the High Court on Tuesday, disposed of an appeal by Government in the case of Imperator against Govind Ramchandra Kanker, who was charged before Mr. A. W. W. Mackie, first class Magistrate at Ratnagiri, in March last, with kidnapping a minor girl, but was acquitted. Mr. Anant G. Desai appeared for the accused; and Rao Bahadur V. G. Kirtiker, Government Pleader, for the Crown.

When the case was before their lordships on the 1st December last, the Court ordered a warrant to issue for the arrest of the accused. In their lordships' opinion, the evidence showed that the girl was under sixteen years of age, and that she was taken away by the accused from her mother's custody. It lay upon the accused to rebut the evidence with regard to the mother's non-consent to her daughter being taken away. In their lordship's opinion, he had failed to do so. It appeared that the girl was at Rameshwar when a telegram was received there, but in whose custody it did not appear. Their lordships were, however, anxious to give the accused an opportunity of having the girl produced. Setting aside the order of acquittal, their lordships convicted the accused of the offence of kidnapping, but postponed passing sentence upon him, in order to give him time to have the girl produced, till the re-opening of the Court after the Christmas recess.

Mr. W. A. Heyland, District Superintendent of Police at Ratnaghiri, had since then taken steps for the restoration of the minor, who was detained at Rameshwar. The necessary complaint was made, and the girl was restored to her mother. The complainant Gopi, the mother, was a very poor woman and had to be sent to Madura with a man, she being lame. Their expenses had been advanced by Government.

The case coming on again before their lordships, they heard the arguments of the pleaders and passed the following order:—The Court convicted the accused of the offence of kidnapping and sentenced him to six months' rigorous imprisonment, and also to pay a fine of Rs. 300, or in default to suffer six months' further rigorous imprisonment. The Court did not direct that any portion of the fine, if recovered, should be paid to the complainant, as it understood that all the expenditure incurred in recovering the girl was advanced by Government.

BOMBAY LIGHT HORSE.

SQUADRON ORDERS, BY MAJOR. T. W. CUFFE A. D. C. COMMANDING Bo. L. H.

Bombay, January 13, 1905.

Musketry.

Those who have not yet completed are requested to communicate at once with the Instructor with a view to all class firing being completed during the present month.

The Competition for the monthly Challenge Cup will be held on Saturday afternoon next at Santa Cruz. Distances will be those of the annual course.

By Order.
F. A. REDDIE, Lieut.
Acting Adjt. B. L. H.

BOMBAY VOLUNTEER ARTILLERY.

REGIMENTAL ORDERS, BY LT.-COL. LOUIS P. RUSSELL, COMMANDING B. V. A.

Bombay, January 13, 1905.

1 No 1 Company will parade on Saturday (to-morrow) at Colaba North Fort, at 4-30 p.m. for 6" B L Gun Drill.

2 No 2 Co will Parade at 4-15 p.m. at Prince's Dock Gate and proceed to Cross Island for 6" B L Gun Drill.

3 There will be a meeting of the Regimental Committee at the B V A Club on Monday next the 16th instant at 6 30 p.m.

By Order
A. STIFFE, Capt. R. A.
Adjt. B. V A.

BOMBAY VOLUNTEER RIFLES.

REGIMENTAL ORDERS BY LIEUT-COL. E. FERRERS NICHOLSON, V. D. COMMANDING.

Bombay. January 13, 1905.

1. The 113th Bombay Infantry Rifle Range at Santa Cruz and the Rifle Range at Ghat Cooper will be available for class-firing daily until further orders. The Commanding Officer trusts that members will take advantage of this and that Section Commanders will get their Sections out the Range so that their Sections may complete their class-firing as soon as possible, and the Range may be reserved for practice for the Rifle Meeting.

2. The Corps Rifle Meeting will take place at Ghat Cooper from the 15th to 20th January 1905, both days inclusive. Prospectus of the Meeting can be obtained at Head-Quarters, where entries should be made as early as possible.

Matches in Class C of the Prospectus will be fired for at Ghat Cooper on Saturday afternoon of the 14th and 21st instant commencing each afternoon at 2. 30. p.m.

Attention is invited to Bye-law 4 of the Prospectus viz:—For all entries made on the Range for Matches 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 an extra charge of 4 annas will be charged for each match.

Matches IV and V are only open to those who have completed their Class-Firing before the meeting.

3 The following promotions will take effect in "D" Company from this date—

No 902 Lce Sergt W K Robinson to be Sergeant vice Sergt R E Osborne resigned.

No 2134 Corpl H Netscher to be Lce Sergt vice Robinson promoted.

No 5612 Lce Corpls W C Shepherd to be Corpl vice Netscher promoted.

By Order,
G. D. PRICE, Captain,
Adjutant B. V. R.

Maxim Gorki, who has got into trouble by entering a drawingroom in the costume of a Moujik, once created a sensation by appearing in the foyer of the Moscow theatre in the same attire. His blouse, his collarless shirt and his big boots naturally excited remark, and the elegantly dressed loungers stared. The author turned on them exclaiming: "What is the meaning of this? Why do you stare? Do you take me for a prima-donna, or a balloon, or a corpse?" The people who overheard applauded but Gorki withdrew in dudgeon shaking his fist. The newspapers unhampered by the censor made unkind remarks to which he replied with a savage satirical sketch entitled "The Too-Aspiring Author."

Advice to Mothers!—Are you broken in your rest by a sick child suffering with the pain of cutting teeth? Go at once to a chemist and get a bottle of Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup. It will relieve the poor sufferer immediately. It is harmless and pleasant to taste, it produces natural, quiet sleep by relieving the child from pain and the little cherub awakes as bright as a button. It soothes the child, softens the gums, allays pain, relieves wind, regulates the bowels and is the best known remedy for dysentery and diarrhœa whether arising from teething or other causes. Mrs. Winlow's Soothing Syrup is sold by Medicine dealers everywhere

THE COMMERCIAL MISSION TO PERSIA.

INCIDENTS OF THE CHOLERA SCARE.

The "Indian Daily Telegraph's" special correspondent with the Commercial Mission to Persia writes;—Major Sykes brought us news that the cholera at Kerman had subsided and that the Governor and other officials, including, it must be said with regret, the Russian Consul, who bolted after the first eight or ten deaths had occurred, are beginning to return and are evidently a trifle ashamed of their conduct.

A not unamusing incident of the cholera outbreak at Kerman was the flight of the Sirkar Aga the head of the Sheikh sect, a person who is looked upon, after the manner of Aga Khan, as being something of a divinity.

Those who believe in him, and they are many, drink the water in which he has bathed as a cure for all ills to which the flesh is heir.

Whether his following will be as great, now that his divinityship bolted from a comparatively mild outbreak of cholera, remains to be seen.

I cannot help thinking, too, that the flight of the Russian Consul will not help the interests of the Czar.

On the 27th December, the Governor of Sirjan, who was accompanied by many other officials, and attended by a great guard of footmen and horsemen, paid us his formal visit of welcome, after waiting for a couple of days, of course, in vain, for us to visit him first, a thing we could not do as it would have compromised our position and lessened the value of our work, as well as making it more difficult.

The Governor was put up to this by the Mamoor Santip or Colonel on a special duty, who was sent from Teheran to look after us.

What prompted this gentleman to induce the Governor to commit what is a distinct breach of Persian etiquette is more than I can say.

Of course, the Colonel may have come with instructions to try and spoil our work from the Russian Ministry, which is pleased to regard our peaceful mission of discovery with intense suspicion.

I do not fancy, however, that he will succeed in doing us any injury, that is to say, if such be his intention, and his present action be not dictated by crass stupidity.

We have good advice to guide our actions, and have learned a thing or two since we arrived in the loose-hinged empire of the Shah.

We know what we want and will get it, and are more likely to give any who oppose us a bad fall than we are to be stripped up ourselves.

THE DECLINE OF THE AMERICAN GIRL.

There are signs and portents—ominous enough to those who are accustomed to observe—of the decline and fall of the vogue of the American girl. For at least half a century this somewhat sophisticated maiden has ruled her countrymen (and even her elder countrywomen) with a rod of iron wreathed with roses and tied with ribbons. She was queen and she could do no wrong. It was a question of "lese majeste" did anyone venture to question her good-looks, her charm or her supreme intelligence. The American was apt to be busy, and he inherited from his father and his grandfather an amiable tradition that his womenkind were little lower than the angels though, as the future mothers of men, their physique left something to be desired. So he allowed the legend to go on. The girl—especially that variety known across the Atlantic as the "bud"—was, by a polite fiction, held to be perfection. No one questioned her right to do as she liked and to behave as she pleased. The result, according to European ideas was somewhat amazing; and the first revelation of the disadvantages of absolute independence for young girls was contained in that polgnant masterpiece of Mr. Henry James's pen, "Daisy Miller."

It is not to be supposed, however, that the Daisy Millers of the United States were in the least discouraged by the recital of that typical young person's misfortunes. There was no writing on the wall for them, and they continued their gay and somewhat egotistical career unabashed by disclosures which they no doubt argued were tinged by the prejudices of an effete civilisation. Up to about seven years ago, the American girl continued her upward flight. If she was not always esteemed by her admirers, she generally contrived to amuse them. Crossing the Atlantic with a plethora of dollars and some adequate introductions, she saw, and conquered, a multitude of impoverished noblemen and gentlemen in every capital. The American accent and charming vivacity of manner were heard and seen in the Champs Elysees, in Grosvenor Square, in the Corso, and in the drawing-rooms of Vienna and Berlin. It was a new invasion, and the conquered received their captors with enthusiasm. In London at one time the vogue of the American girl was so pronounced that a Canadian writer of great distinction was obliged for business purposes, to forswear the beloved Union Jack, and drape herself, so to speak, in the folds of the Stars and Stripes.

Owing to marked patronage from the greatest in the land, the American girl might be as pert as she pleased, and the great were never offended. But other times, other manners, and the Transatlantic beauty is no longer indiscriminately received in London society—at any rate, until her edges have been taken off, her accent softened, and her manners Anglicised. Indeed, to be thoroughly English, just now, would seem to be the American girl's ambition. If she stays in London, married or single, she sets to work, with national energy and enthusiasm, to acquire a low voice, unobtrusive manners, and an intimate acquaintance with "Burke's Landed Gentry." She is nothing if not observant, and she knows—none better—that the day of the flighty and loud-voiced siren is over. One or two American men have actually found time to cross the Atlantic, and have seen that the daughters of Albion are not the dowdy, subdued creatures they are sometimes painted over there. She perceives, in short, that there is a little boom in Englishwomen. With her talents and abilities, it is certain that the young person from Chicago or San Francisco can and will promptly transform herself into a delightful imitation of her English cousin. But one asks oneself whether, in the process, the American girl, as we know her, is not destined to disappear?

For it is not only in Park Lane that she is a little out of fashion. The same humiliating stigma attaches to her in Fifth Avenue. Her masculine compatriots are actually making a stand, and declaring in public that they have had too much of the American girl! Even her chosen organ, "Life," whose artists and poets have devoted some twenty years to celebrating her perfections, has turned upon her. And this must seem all the harder because it was the "Life" artist, Mr. Charles Dana Gibson, who invented her afresh, and gave her ten years more of undisturbed sovereignty. And yet, in a sense, it is precisely Mr. Gibson who has killed her with kindness. We are all a trifle tired, even in London, of the Gibson girl, who appears, with maddening frequency, in every comic paper which borrows from the other side of the Atlantic. She has even invaded the stage, where I understand, she is not yet intrusted with a speaking part, but is brought on in eel-skin garments in order to slay the audience with her throat and shoulders. In America it is far worse. "How can I escape from the Girl?" writes a maddened correspondent to the papers. "Portraits of her pursue me everywhere—always with a long, bare throat and untidy hair—on pill-boxes, post-cards, and pillows. You find her head stamped on the seats of chairs, in colours in your breakfast cup, and engraven on your cigar ash tray. The thing has become a nightmare. "How can I escape from the Girl?" To anyone who knows Americans, with their transient enthusiasms, these words are ominous. It means that the reign of the "bud" is over.

When the German Emperor, two or three years ago, was anxious at all hazard to make friends with the United States, he asked a young girl not yet out in society to christen his new yacht. He was quite aware that by selecting a "bud" in the person of Miss Alice Roosevelt to perform this ceremony he would touch the American nation to the core. But President Roosevelt is a person of much decision, and has his own views on the duties and obligations of his countrywomen. His young daughter christened the Imperial yacht, it is true; but she was not allowed to come to London for the Coronation, and is, I believe, one of the few girls in America who do not rule their fathers with an iron hand in a five-and-three-quarters glove. The President has seen that it was time to make a stand against the tyranny of petticoated youngsters. Can it be possible that the voluble, vivacious, egotistical, and generally charming creature is destined to disappear? What is tolerably certain is that, however, she subdues and transforms herself, she will in the end come up smiling, and resume her sway, if in some other guise.—"The World."

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS AND OINTMENT. The most effectual Cure for Gout and Rheumatism. A frequent cause of these is the inflammatory state of the blood, attended with bad digestion, lassitude and great debility, showing the want of a proper circulation of the fluid, and that impurity of the blood greatly aggravates these disorders. Holloway's Pills are of so purifying a nature that a few doses taken in time are an effectual preventive against gout and rheumatism, but anyone that has an attack of either should use Holloway's Ointment also, which must be thoroughly rubbed into the parts affected at least twice a day, after they have been sufficiently fomented with warm water to open the pores.

PARIS MOTOR-CAR REGULATIONS.

SOME INTERESTING PROPOSALS.

The special committee appointed by the Paris City Council to draw up fresh regulations for dealing with the difficult problem of autocar traffic has framed its recommendations. It suggests that all speed restrictions should be ablished; that the traffic and point policemen should have absolute control in the street over all cars, the drivers of which must slow down or stop altogether at a sign from the police. Further, motor-cars should be obliged to travel slowly at all crossways and congested points. The committee thinks that in order to obviate any abuse that may arise, the police specially appointed to autocar duty and particularly the cycle police, who make the watching of autocars their chief duty, should all be practical mechanics and certificated chauffeurs. The committee finally recommends the abolition of the present practice of sentencing erring motor-car drivers to imprisonment for the smallest offence, and instead suggests the institution of a reasonable scale of fines, capped with the right of the Council to cancel the licence of offenders in the event of a previous conviction. More care also is advised in granting licences to professional chauffeurs in future and great stress is laid upon the point that no cars should be allowed in the streets without proper silencers.

THE QUIRINAL AND THE VATICAN.

No observant traveller has ever gone up the incline towards the Sculpture Galleries of the Vatican without noting the guards of the Pope and the soldiers of the King patrolling withing a few feet of each other, perhaps even fraternising. The former were keeping the most celebrated gate of the Apostolic Palace, the latter were looking after the Italian Mint. The position of the Mint is most peculiar, as it is wedged into a corner of the Vatican garden, between it and the Vatican. So extraordinary is its position that one would never dream that it could be the property of the State. In former days it was the Papal Mint, and since 1870 it has been used for the same purpose by United Italy. The Vatican has always wanted to buy it, but in the past the Government has always refused, as the State does not wish the territory enjoying extra-territoriality to be enlarged, and if it belonged to the Pope it would come under this head. However, writes a correspondent, the news comes that the Mint has been bought by Commendatore, Pacelli, leader of all Vatican financial affairs, which means, of course that he will turn it over to the Vatican whenever they wish. This is another straw which shows which way the wind blows. Italy has not certainly sold this particular bit of land to a pronounced "clerical" with her eyes shut, and without considering the consequences. A better feeling certainly seems to exist between Quirinal and Vatican.

ITALY AND CUSTOMS EXAMINATIONS.

A Rome correspondent says:—There is a good day coming for travellers in Italy, with regard to the examination of their luggage, although in justice it must be said that in this respect they are not, even now, so very badly off.

On certain trains the luggage is examined without leaving the train, but all the boxes have to be opened, and if one does not speak Italian, the results are sometimes disastrous. The Society for the Facilitating of Travel in Italy has taken the matter up with the full approval, even help of the Government. What they would like would be to have each traveller visited by an inspector and interpreter as he sits comfortably in his seat, the Customs officials to be content with a personal assurance that there is no dutiable goods among the luggage, with the option of making the passenger sign a paper to that effect, or even open his boxes if an evasion of the law is suspected. The Government or Society will issue a cheap compact little volume, giving a list of dutiable things, under what circumstances they are allowed or otherwise to pass free, directing as to what the traveller had best do, and the Italian equivalent of the most necessary words. Armed with this, no one need complain of or fear the Customs, as great latitude will be allowed in the free articles, so that one must smuggle for the love of it if they do it at all.

A DESPERATE duel was fought near Tientsin on Dec. 12th, according to the "Courier." The adversaries were Mr. N. A. and Mr. M. G., and they had a dispute about a woman. Seconds were appointed, and having failed to arrange an amicable settlement, they proceeded to fix the time and place and choose weapons for a deadly encounter. The place was out on the Chungliencheng Road, the time was 1 p.m., and the weapons were revolvers. The duellists and their seconds drove out in carriages, arriving a few minutes before the time appointed; the distance (25 metres) was measured, weapons were loaded, and—each man fired off all six shots without hitting anything. "Honour was satisfied," the enemies became friends on the spot, and the affair wound up with a dinner at the Astor the seconds being entertained by the principals. If the two between them could not score one hit out of twelve shots, they must be shocking duffers, the "China Times" says.

Mr. Charles J. Glidden, the round-the-world motor tourist, sailed from Vancouver on Thursday, December 9, for the Antipodes, and will endeavour, to drive his British-built Napier car to the most southerly point yet reached by a motor-car. This will be the South Island of New Zealand. The latitude is about 48 degrees south of the equator. The tip end of South America extends a few miles further south, but this section of the world is uninhabited. The distance from the most northerly point, the Arctic Circle in Sweden, which was reached by Mr. Glidden last year, covers 115 degrees of latitude, and the extreme points are 20,000 miles apart. Mr. Glidden is using the same car on his world drive that carried him across the Arctic Circle. The total mileage driven to date, not counting drives over the same road twice, is 20,063, in eighteen countries.

The Bishop of Liverpool having found a convicted felon occupying a local vicarage, has warned his clergy to be more careful who they employ in their absence from home.

THE WEATHER.

TELEGRAPHIC WEATHER AND CROP REPORTS, 12TH JANUARY.

Amritsar.—Bright, no sign of rain. All rabi crops doing well.

Hissar.—Bright, no sign of rain. All crops doing well.

Delhi.—Bright, no sign of rain. Crop prospects generally good.

Agra.—Cloudy, but no rain. Food grains doing well.

Cawnpore.—Bright, no sign of rain. Crop prospects generally good.

Beawar.—Bright, no sign of rain. Mornings cold and dewy. Cotton arriving in small quantities.

Amraoti.—Mornings cold and dewy. Rabi crop prospects generally good.

Khamgaon.—Cloudy and unseasonable. Cotton picking general. Food-grains doing well. Rabi crop prospects generally good.

Dhulia.—Cloudy, but no rain. Rabi crop prospects generally good.

Broach.—Bright fair; seasonable. Mornings cold and dewy. Cotton plants flourishing. Present weather may improve cotton yield slightly. Cotton picking general and arrival increasing. Crop prospect generally good.

Viramgam.—Bright, no sign of rain. Mornings cold and dewy. Cotton plants ready for picking.

Wadhwan.—Bright, no sign of rain. Seasonable. Mornings cold and dewy. Cotton plants flourishing and show bolls rapidly ripening. Cotton healthy, and picking commenced.

Dholera.—Mornings cold and dewy. Cotton picking commenced and arriving in small quantities.

Bhavnagar.—Bright, no sign of rain. Cotton arriving in small quantities.

Barsi.—Seasonable. Dewfall insufficient. Cotton arriving in small quantities. Linseed and all crops doing well.

Sholapur.—Dewfall insufficient. Harvest partially damaged.

Hubli.—Bright, no sign of rain. Dewfall insufficient. Rain much needed generally. Crop prospects generally good.

Bellary.—Bright, no sign of rain. Cotton plants want more rain. Absence of rain causes anxiety.

Observations taken at 8 a.m. on Thursday, the 12th January.

SUMMARY.

Pressure has risen almost every where the rise having been brisk to rapid in many places. The barometer is in slight excess of normal all along the coast from Cochin to Veraval and at Coimbatore, Trichinopoly and Negapatam and generally in defect elsewhere.

Winds are very variable in direction and the force has been fresh at Ratnagiri, Negapatam and Jamnagar and moderate to light elsewhere.

Temperature.—The variations of both the day and night temperatures are generally small. The highest temperature in the shade was 90deg. at Cochin and Cuddapah and the lowest 42deg. at Lahore.

Cloud and Humidity.—The sky is generally clear over nearly the whole country.

Rain.—Nil.

Weather is generally fine and settled in all districts.

N. LESLIE,
Meteorological Reporter for Western India.

BOMBAY GOVERNMENT ORDERS.

(The "Bombay Government Gazette," January 12.)

POLITICAL DEPARTMENT.

Maj J W B Meewether Assist Political Agent First Grade is granted privilege leave for three months combined with furlough for eighteen months from the 1st Jan 1905 or the subsequent date on which he may avail himself of it.

The following Notification by the Govt of India in the Foreign Depart is republished for general information Fort William the 3rd January.

With reference to Notification No 1378-E C dated the 29th April 1904 Mr Aug Thoele Consul for Germany at Karachi has resumed charge of his office.

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT.

Under section 8 (3) of the Reformatory Schools Act 1897 the Govr in Council is pleased to specially empower the Magist of the First Class in the dist of Kaira Mr J T Sceteon I C S Assist Collector Kaira and Mr Narmada Shankar Devshankar Mehta Resident Magist Borsad to exercise the powers contemplated in section 8 (1) of the Act.

Mr C W A Turner I C S Assist Collector in the dist of Dharwar is appointed under section 12 of the Code of Criminal Procedure 1898 to be a Magis of the Second Class in that dist.

Mr Turner is also appointed under section 22 of the Code to be a Justice of the Peace within and for the territories subject to the administration of the Govt of Bombay other than the Presidency Town of Bombay.

Mr Rangildas Girdharlal acting Mamlatdar taluka Chikhli in the dist of Surat is appointed under section 12 of the Code of Criminal Procedure 1898 to be a Magist of the Second Class in that district.

The Govr in Council is pleased under the provisions of section 31 of the Mamlatdar Courts Act 1876 to specially authorise A'sam Gopal Sharam Dixit Mahalkari petha Mundargi in the district of Dharwar to exercise the powers of a Mamlatdar under the said Act.

Mr Janardan Damodar Kolathar is permitted on leaving Bombay to resign the post of Hon Presidency Mag to which he was appointed by the Govr in Council by Notification No 2535 dated the 19th May 1904.

The following order issued by the Hon'ble the Chief Commissioner Central Provinces is republished for general information—Central Provinces Secretariat General Department dated Nagpur the 22nd December 1904.

The service of Mr K A Reinold Personal Assist to the Chief Commissioner Central Provinces are replaced at the disposal of the Govt of Bombay with effect from the 5th proximo.

The following officers passed on the 16th Dec 1904 an examination according to the Higher Standard in the vernacular languages mentioned opposite their names:—Mr Kavasha Kharsedji Sunavala BA LLB Interpreter Second Presidency Magistrate's Court Bombay. Mr Manockshah Kaikhosru Nadersha BA LLB Clerk Registrar's Office High Court Bombay. Mr Bhaskar Dattatraya Sabnis BA LLB Clerk District Court Sholapur Kanarese. Mr Maganlal Ghelabhai Mehta BA LLB Clerk District Court Ahmedabad Marathi. Mr Atmaram Ramchandra Gupte BA LLB. Clerk Second Class Subordinate Judge's Court Bhadgaon Khandesh. Mr Ramchandra Baji Khangaokar Clerk First Class Subordinate Judge's Court Ahmednagar. Gujarati.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

Capt Loveday, R G A, Lieut LaTouche, R G A, and Assist Surg Donnelland, attached to the R I M S, Dalhousie, have passed an examination in the Somali language on the 22nd Dec

Messrs R D Bell, I C S, J C Ker, I C S, and E J Bolus, I C S, passed an examination in Hindustani on the 15th Dec

H E the Gov in Council is pleased to appoint Mr P J Mead, B A (Cantab) I C S on return to duty, to be Talukdari Settlement Officer

Mr A W W Mackie I C S, passed an examination in Marathi according to the Higher Standard on 16th Dec

Mr R A L Moore I C S has been allowed by H M's Secretary of State for India to return to duty within the period of his leave.

Mr H W Keys Deputy Conservator of Forests Second Grade and Divisional Forest Officer Satara is allowed such privilege leave as may be due to him on 25th February 1905 in combination with furlough for such period as may bring the combined period of absence up to one year.

We understand that a small Departmental Committee has been appointed to consider the question of the amalgamation of the Postal and Telegraph Departments.

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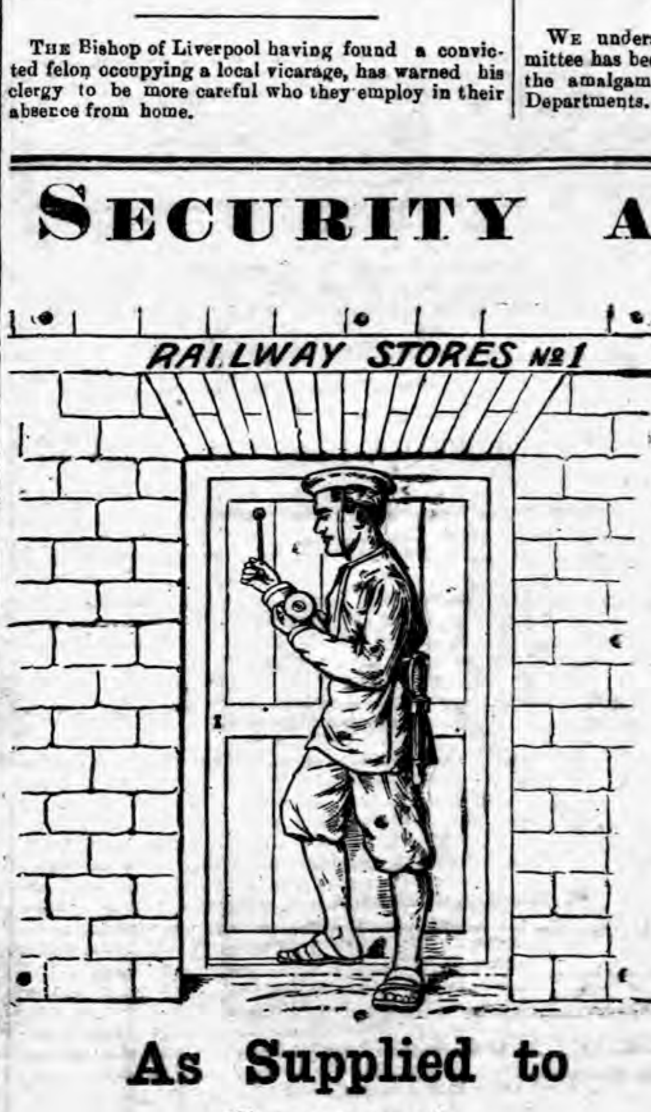

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When the Prince of Wales goes to Ashford House n the shore of Lough Corrib in Connaught, as the est of Lord Ardilaun (writes an Irish correspon- f M. A. P., he will be in the midst of very t scenic) surroundings from those of Elveden Suffolk, where he was recently with Lord the younger brother of Lord Ardilaun. House, near Cong, is set in the midst of picturesque scenery, the wildness of which a sharp contrast to the characteristics of East The Ashford preserves are known to be stocked, and the first shooting expedition of ince of Wales in Ireland promises to be as pro- as it is cetain to be novel and pleasant.

e Ashford House is the family seat of Lord un, he the head of the Guinness family, is ate above all other noblemen in Ireland in to the number and character of his homes. n's, in Clontarf, in the suburbs of Dublin is ficently situated on the shores of Dublin Bay. avoured even than Ashford House or St. in Clontarf, is Muckross House, situated the unsurpassed scenery of the Lakes of ey.

Muckross House was acquired a few years ago by ord Ardilaun. Buying it was really an act of atriotism. When the Killarney estate of the Her- erts of Muckross—the sale Irish branch of the amily of Lord Pembroke—was offered for a ew years ago there were fears that famous lakes ould pass into the hands of American speculators, ho might convert them into a glorified Earl's ourt. Lord Ardilaun came to the rescue and pur- ased Muckross House and the Herbert Estate.

A correspondent writes that it is a mistake to say hat the Duke of Coburg, when at Eton, was excused agging. His son, when lunching with his fag-master, aw the Duke do the ordinary duties of a fag.

Sir Donald Currie, whose gift of £25,000 to Edin- burgh University, following on his donation of four imes that sum to the University of London, has marked him as one of the greatest benefactors of ducation of our time, is now in his eightieth year. Failing health has necessitated his withdrawal more and more from public life and affairs; but a glance at the clear-cut features in their setting of white hair, and the keen blue eyes under their overhanging brows, will show that the mind is still as active and alert as ever. A self-made man in the finest sense of the term, Sir Donald carries fresh in his memory every incident of his wonderful career from the far-off times of a junior clerkship in a Greenock shipping firm to the day when he found himself in supreme control of the great Union-Castle combination, with its fleet of well-nigh fifty vessels, ranging from three thousand up to thirteen thousand tons apiece.

Sir Donald sat in Parliament as a Liberal for ten years and, though unable to follow the later policy of his great leader, he always remained on terms of intimate friendship with him, as the famous cruises in the Tantallen Castle and Pembroke Castle, with Sir Donald as host and Mr. Gladstone as most honoured guest, testified to the world. Tennyson took part in the later cruise, and the pipe which he daily smoked on board ship is now one of Sir Donald's valued relics. Of late years the veteran shipowner has taken more and more pleasure in residing at his fine country seat in Scotland, the historic castle of Garth, situated in Glenlyon, one of the most beautiful of the Highland glens, and renowned r its salmon fishing. Sir Donald is now quite a onsiderable Highland landlord, owning sixteen or eighteen thousand acres of lands. Pictures are one of his special hobbies, and he has a noble collection of English masters at his house in Hyde Park Place including a wonderful series of Turner's masterpieces, of which he has been an enthusiastic admirer for many years.

At last the Deanery of Rochester, left vacant by the death of Dean Hole, has been filled by the appointment of the Venerable Ernald Lane, M.A., Archedeacon of Stoke, and Examining Chaplain to the Bishop of Lichfield. The acceptance of the Deanery by Archbishop Lane is a matter for congratulations to the people of Rochester. The new Dean is an old Oxford man, and was ordained in 1862. He has rowed for his University in the world-famous boat-race, and in spite of his sixty-eight years he has not altogether forgotten his early love of the oar. At present his favourite recreation seems to be fishing, although it is to be hoped that he will not be altogether unmindful of his predecessor's great hobby, and will devote little of his spare time to the cultivation of roses.

Paris (writes my Paris correspondent) has been receiving the visit of the new English Ambassador and Lady Bertie, who are en route for Italy, and who will return to their new home in the Faubourg St. Honore in January. They have been residing quietly at an hotel, where, however, they have seen many old friends, and made new ones; and they have also paid numerous visits to the Embassy, which is being entirely overhauled for their reception. It will, indeed, be a splendid mansion when the decorations are finished, but that will not be until early spring; so that Sir Francis and Lady Bertie will experience worry of having the workmen in the place. The new Ambassador who has a great sympathy for France and all things French, is sure to be tremendously popular in Paris; and there will be much entertaining at the Embassy, which of late years has been rather dull, owing to the failing health of Sir Edmund Monson. Even the dinner in honour of the King's birthday was suppressed this year. It took place at the Elysee Palace Hotel, and, although a handsome enough affair, lacked the dignity and pomp that would have attended it had it been held at the Embassy. There will be other diplomatic changes, among them the departure of the Second Secretary, Mr. Barclay, who, I believe, will go to Berlin.

Among the first to offer hospitality to the Standard Christmas Guest Guild was Lady Faudel Phillips, who, as a former Lady Mayoress, and as sister of Lord Burnham of the "Daily Telegraph," has for many years been notable for her interest and help in all charitable and philanthropic work. The little guests Lady Faudel Phillips will have at her charming country seat, Balls Park, near Hertford, are sure of a real good time, as Sir George and his wife and daughters delight in such practical help Balls Park is a beautifully situated place, with extensive grounds and old-world gardens, and yet within an hour's railway ride to town. Here the Faudel Phillips family spend as much of their time as the Society claims of town life will permit. The practical side of Lady Faudel Phillips good-heartedness is well illustrated by the fact that one of the selfimposed duties of this lady is to spend part of Christmas day with the nurses and children at Hertford Hospital, and to personally superintend the distribution of the toys and other good things from the Christmas Tree.

When mentioning the Brighton Downs recently, I omitted calling attention to the Exhibition of Paintings and Sketches by the late A. F. Grace at rt Galleries. No other artist has ever succeeded ealising as Mr. Grace did, the subtle beauty of atmosphere of those wondrous Downs. This ibiton of his unsold pictures, and simple notes of dy, is hardly a fair representation of his life's rk among the South Downs: but of its artistic cess there is no doubt. Everybody seems charmed its true impressionism, and a quality, fairly med up in the criticism of a good woman who arked to her companion a few weeks since, as reached the end of the gallery, Tain't much of ures, it's only just like looking out of doors.

ROM time to time M. A. P. has referred to several ors, who seem to "fill in," to use a theatrical ase, with authorship, much to their pecuniary antage. The last mention of this kind was a sonal note on Mr Arthur Applin (of Mr. Lewis ller's and other companies), who is rapidly king a place for himself as a writer of serial ies. Mr. Applin's "Clatter of the Clogs" had no ner finished, than an exciting romance, entitled ve's Great Sacrifice' began a week ago in Smith's ekly, and this week sees his new serial, "Rags Riches," commencing in Pearson's Weekly. two new actor-authors are before the public Eardley Turner, who has been touring the vinces as Falstaff, and in other prominent parts Mr. Tree's repertoire company, has of late done h in the writing way. Mr. Arthur Laceby, who been under the command of Sergeant Brue has published The Stage Struggles of a Bad Actor. passant, I may remark that the two authors I have named will show their versatility in tomime—Mr. Turner at the Fulham Grand, and Laceby at the King's, Hammersmith.

e Queen's Hall is continually introducing us to h talent. It was added to its pleasant achieve- t in this direction by showing a delighted ence what a member of one of Mr. Robert ur's musical comedy companies could do with atton ballad. The performer was Miss Ethel am, and into the fine old song "The Enchantress inger put some mezzo—contralto work which ked her at once as an artiste who knows the best to make use of a rare, natural gift. Miss am's mezzo-contralto voice possesses an amount ympathetic quality that should place her e long in a prominent position as a ballad- r for if there is one ingredient more necessary another in the composition of a voice designed peal to the patrons of popular concerts, it is athy.

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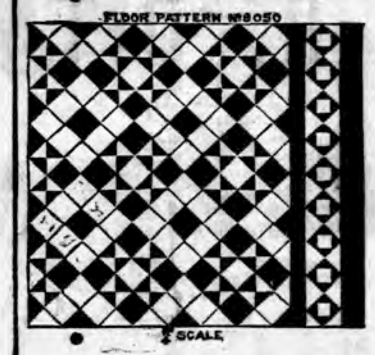

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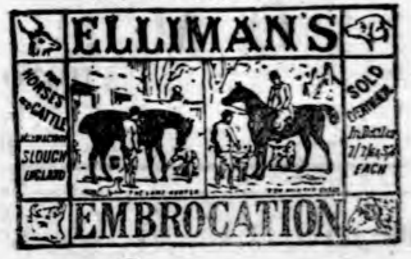

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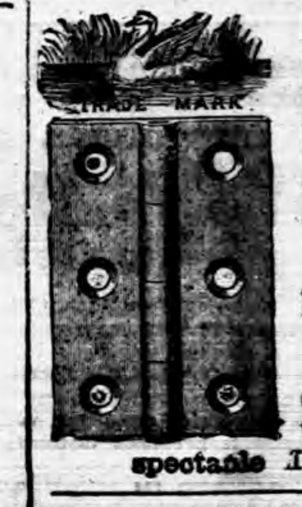

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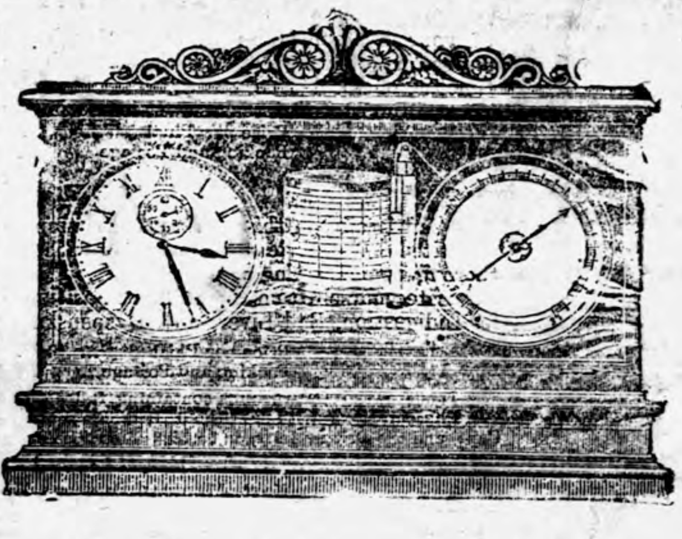

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